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Business expo set for today

Hundreds of visitors are expected to visit the more than 70 vendors exhibited at the Hancock Chamber Business and Industry Expo today from 3-7 p.m. at the newly-renovated Hancock County Civic Center. A special Expo souvenir will be given to the first 100 visitors beginning at 3 p.m.

There will be entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and a \$1,000 grand prize drawing at 6:30 p.m. The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Member Services Committee sponsors the second annual trade show.

Admission is \$2 at the door. For more information, stop by or call the Chamber office at 467-9048.

Youth group car wash

A youth group from Main Street United Methodist Church will conduct a car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Union Planters Bank on Highway 90.

Coastal Cleanup set for Sept. 18

Volunteers in Hancock and Harrison counties are needed for the 11th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, set for 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18.

To volunteer, call the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048. In Harrison County, call the Dept. of Marine Resources at 374-5022, ext. 5062.

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	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	3:00 a.	10:57 a.	
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	4:54 p.	9:16 p.	
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Wed.	4:35 a.	3:51 p.	
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BY ED LEPOMA

Incumbent Democrat Ronnie Peterson lost a 20-year grip on the sheriff's department in the runoff election Tuesday, and first-term District 5 Supervisor Philip Moran appears unlikely to defeat young upstart Jay Cuevas for his party's nomination.

There was only one runoff among Republicans, and Diamondhead freelance writer Dave Koger handily defeated James K. "Ken" Overstreet, also of Diamondhead, for the right to challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. Scottie Cuevas for his District 46 seat in November.

Koger took over 70 percent of the vote in Hancock, racking up 786 to 332, or 29 percent for

Overstreet.

Incumbent Constable Gary Bennett was also defeated by a younger challenger, Eric Moran, for the Constable West seat.

And Deputy Tax Clerk Carolyn Maurigi Adam ran surprisingly well, but still lost to a better-known opponent, Jimmie Ladner, a former election commissioner in the race to succeed retiring Eddie Murtagh as Hancock County's tax collector/assessor.

Moran remains in political purgatory until the results are finalized after 6 p.m. today when the Democratic Executive Committee meets to certify the election and the affidavit ballots.

There were 136 affidavit bal-

lots that have to be certified, and 55 of those were cast in District 5. However, Moran, who led in the primary, trails Cuevas 1,020 to 980. That means he needs 40 votes just to catch up and 48 of the 55 to win the nomination.

Unofficial results show Cuevas making inroads in all eight precincts in District 5 with his largest vote coming in Diamondhead West, where he still trailed Moran 918 to 1,019.

The count was nip and tuck in all the other precincts, but Cuevas ended up with 40 more votes than Moran in the final count.

The winner of the District 5

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Cousin Caleb Cuevas holds a victory sign among friends who cheered and surrounded Steve Garber Tuesday night when unofficial results revealed he had defeated Incumbent Sheriff Ronnie Peterson for the Democratic nomination.

Now that's dedication

The city of Bay St. Louis, Hancock Bank and the Hancock County Historical Society unveil the long-awaited Tercentenary Park on Beach Boulevard Wednesday in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the city's founding. Below: Hancock Bank CEO Leo W. Seal Jr. presents Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre with a warranty deed to the park.



Tercentenary Park dedicated

BY GEOFF BELCHER

It was a birthday party that stopped traffic.

Yesterday marked the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Bay of St. Louis by Jean Baptiste Lemoine, Sieur de Bienville.

City officials Hancock Bank and the Hancock County Historical Society celebrated the occasion by closing off Beach Boulevard and dedicating Tercentenary Park and a life-size statue of Bienville -- Historical Society President Charles

Gray's dream since 1996.

"We shortly afterward found a beautiful bay, about one league in width, by four in circumference, which M.

Bienville named the Bay of St. Louis because it was on the day of St. Louis that we arrived there," Gray said, quoting from the journal of Andre Joseph Penicault, carpenter for Le Marin, Bienville's

Gray said the idea for the

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Pass beach closed for sewer line

BY ED LEPOMA

State environmental officials expect polluted waters in a portion of Pass Christian beach will clear up within a few days now that broken sewer line has been repaired.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, worked with the city of Pass Christian and advised residents Monday that a portion of beach in that city was being closed as a result of elevated bacteria levels. MDEQ made the decision to close the beach from about a quarter of a mile west of Japo-



The Navy has transferred civilian employees and abandoned the Human Resources Center in the Army Ammunition plant area of the Stennis Space Center after several employees and visitors experienced watery eyes, sore throats and other symptoms. Inspection teams are on-site to find the cause.

ECHO STAFF PHOTO BY ED LEPOMA

Winners gear up for Nov.

BY ED LEPOMA

With runoff elections over in Hancock County, the field of candidates has narrowed for the November general election. But there still might be some surprises ahead.

Here's how the races are shaping up for the Nov. 2 election.

For chancery clerk: Incumbent Tim Kellar, who had no Democratic opposition in the primary, will face Republican Kyle Ahlers in November.

Longtime Coroner Norma Stiglet, a Democrat, will be challenged by newcomer Terese Richardson, the Republican nominee.

Republican incumbent Superintendent of Education Terrell Randolph will face Democrat Mike Ladner.

Incumbent District 1 Supervisor Lyonie "Jeep" Ladner beat out two Democratic challengers in the Aug. 3 primary and had no Republican opposition. He faces independent

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Two nabbed in Pass bank job

BY ED LEPOMA

Two men have been arrested following a brazen mid-afternoon robbery Monday at the Peoples Bank in Pass Christian.

Police Chief John Dubuisson said the latest suspect was taken into custody Wednesday by police officers and an FBI agent following a routine traffic stop near the house where he was staying.

The suspect was identified as Robert Francois, 20, formerly of Long Beach.

Francois was stopped by a patrol car and questioned as he backed a vehicle out of a drive-

ROBBERY--PAGE 12A

Navy closes new offices

BY ED LEPOMA

Because of air problems, the Navy has jumped ship and abandoned its new offices in the Army Ammunition Plant area of the Stennis Space Center.

It was just last February that U.S. Senator Trent Lott and some of the Navy's hierarchy gathered to cut the ribbon opening the Navy's new Human Resources Center.

It cost approximately \$8 million to renovate and furnish the 42,000-square-foot portion of the former ammo plant. Another 5,000 square feet were added to accommodate the Navy offices.

But center director Gene Gibbons admitted there were problems immediately after employees began working at the new center. Employees were coming down with sore throats, watery eyes and other irritating symptoms.

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OBITUARIES

WINIFRED CORBETT
MARLINE CUEVAS
JOHN P. DOYLE
JOHN R. HAYWARD
INFANT JOSEPH HODA
CHRIS LUXICH
ANGELLE MUSTACCHIA
DOROTHY WADE

WINIFRED CORBETT
Winifred Corbett, 73, of Kiln, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

MARLINE CUEVAS
Marline Ladner Cuevas, 70, of Perkinston, died Saturday, August 21, 1999 in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Cuevas had been a lifelong resident of Hancock County. She was a bus driver for the school system and was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in White Cypress and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wiley Ladner and Magnolia Moran.

Survivors include four sons, Clint Martin of Gulfport, Morris Landrum and Horace Landrum, both of Kiln, and Michael Cuevas of the White Cypress community; a brother, Denford Ladner of the Necessity Crossing community; a sister, Frankie Jane Shaw of Perkinston; seven grandchildren, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Monday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Matthew Catholic Church in White Cypress. Burial was in Necessity Crossing Cemetery.

JOHN P. DOYLE

John P. "Baby" Doyle, 82, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Doyle was a native of New Orleans where he was a clerk-recorder of mortgages for the City of New Orleans. He was a resident of Waveland and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John D. and Agnes Davis Doyle; a sister, Margaret D. Spitzer; and a brother, John Doyle.

Survivors include brothers Joseph M. Doyle of New Orleans and Peter J. Doyle of Hyattsville, Md.

Visitation will be 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 28 at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Benefit set for families

Family members and friends of the recent victims of a car-train accident in Bay St. Louis will hold a benefit Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. until at the V.F.W., Lakeshore, Lower Bay Road.

All proceeds are to go to the families of Cecelia Bilbo, Sean Finegan and Joe Joe Winningham, victims of the crash.

There will be a fish fry, bar-

The family prefers memorials to St. Clare Catholic Church, P.O. Box 500, Waveland, MS 39576.



JOHN R. HAYWARD

John R. Hayward, 86, of Waveland, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Hayward was a native of Germania Plantation in Hohen Soles, La. and a longtime resident of Waveland. He managed the family plantation Germania before moving to Waveland where he pursued a construction career. He was a member of American Legion Post 77, Waveland, and VFW Post 3253, Bay St. Louis. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Pines in Waveland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Parker Hayward; his parents, William Campbell and Helene Elenor Reuss Hayward; a sister, Helene Hayward Renken; and a grandson, Hamilton John Guenard.

Survivors include a son, Tom R. Hayward of Pass Christian; five daughters, Marie Bernard, Clarine Mauffray and Judy Schuengel, all of Waveland, Connie McLain of Davenport, N.Y. and Susan Gaynor of Corpus Christi, Texas; two brothers, William C. Hayward Jr. of Gonzales, La., and Douglas S. Hayward of Donaldsonville, La.; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A funeral procession will leave the funeral home today at 9:30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. funeral service at Lutheran Church of the Pines in Waveland. Interment will follow in Waveland City Cemetery.

INFANT JOSEPH HODA

Infant Joseph Jackson Hoda, died Sunday, August 22, 1999, in New Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Robert Jackson.

Survivors include his parents, Annette Jackson and By-

ron Joseph Hoda of the Rocky Hill community; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoda of Rocky Hill; and maternal grandmother, Helen Madrid of Florence, Ala.

A Funeral Mass of The Angels will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 27, 4 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church in the White Cypress community. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to St. Matthew Catholic Church Building Fund, White Cypress Community, Hancock County.

CHRIS LUXICH

Chris Joseph Luxich, 87, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, August 21, 1999, in Slidell.

Mr. Luxich was a resident of the Bayou LaCroix community and had been a lifelong resident of Hancock County. He was a plant operator for Standard Coffee of New Orleans and was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virgie Marie Ladner Luxich; his parents, Sylvester and Sylvinia Ladner Luxich; and a sister, Virginia Luxich Carver.

Survivors include a daughter, Dawn Mildred Luxich of Bayou LaCroix community; a sister, Geneva Luxich Deadeau of Bay St. Louis; and a grandson, Hamilton John Guenard.

Services were conducted Sunday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery.

55-Alive course set

Chief George Payne and the Gulfport Police Department will sponsor a 55-Alive Mature Driving Course Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 7 and 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gulfport Police Department Auditorium.

The eight-hour refresher course is developed by the American Association of Retired Persons and is designed to help the older driver improve driving skills and prevent traffic accidents.

Aletha Burge joins board of Community Service Executives

Aletha Burge has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Institute for Southern Community Service Executives, as state chair for Mississippi. She also will serve on the program committee for the institute's 2001 conference.

Burge is the director of agency relations for United Way of South Mississippi, Gulfport.

Anyone interested in helping with the benefit or wanting to make a contribution of items for the auction, can call Brandy Yarborough, 463-0309.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Robert Jackson.

Survivors include his parents, Annette Jackson and By-



ANGELLE MUSTACCHIA

Angelle "Angel" Marie Mustacchia, 20 months old, died Monday, August 2, 1999 in Pensacola, Fla.

Angelle was born in New Orleans and lived in Metairie.

She was the daughter of Kristi Marie Lamarque Mustacchia and Nick Mustacchia III; granddaughter of Carmela Angelica Calagno Lamarque, Ronnie Michael Lamarque, Diane Ploue Mustacchia and Nick Mustacchia Jr., all of New Orleans; and great-granddaughter of John J. Ploue Jr. and Joan Schaffer Ploue, both of Bay St. Louis.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 5 at Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Interment followed in Metairie Cemetery.

DOROTHY WADE

Dorothy Wade, 75, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Aug. 23, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Wade was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins for services and burial.

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As for old age, embrace it and love it. It abounds with pleasure if you know how to use it.

The gradually declining years are amongst the sweetest, and I maintain that even where they have reached the extreme limit, they have their pleasure still.

—Seneca

Keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Prov. 32:1-2

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

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Coleman Avenue park project

In an effort to enhance the quality of life for local children and families, the City of Waveland has plans to renovate the Coleman Avenue Playground and Park.

As the community continues to grow, the need to preserve recreational areas and green spaces is one we can no longer afford to overlook.

The project will include renovations to the park and the purchase of new, safe playground equipment that is accessible to children in wheelchairs.

The City of Waveland has provided the initial funds and labor to renovate the park. However, it is anticipated that the complete renovation will cost approximately \$35,000.

Therefore, the support of individuals and businesses to help fund the cost of this project is greatly needed.

If you or your business can assist with this effort, please contact Nancy Artigues. She has been designated by the City of Waveland to raise the funds for the Coleman Avenue Park Project. The City of Waveland

has set up a designated account for the project. Donors will be recognized at the park.

Donations should be made to: City of Waveland, c/o Nancy Artigues, 111 Seabrook Drive, Waveland, MS 39076.

For additional information, contact Artigues at 466-9375.

State PSC addresses power outages

On July 23, Entergy Mississippi faced a severe challenge in electricity demand. In fact the demand was so great that unplanned outages occurred.

While the outages resulted from several negative factors, none of which would have made a tremendous difference individually, they all came together at the worst possible time, according to Entergy

Mississippi's spokesman.

The outage was enough to cause concern in the Public Service Commission according to George Byars, vice chairman. Byars, Nielsen Cochran, and Bo Robinson requested Entergy to appear before the Commission to explain in more detail how it happened.

Commissioner Byars stated that the meeting served its

purpose in explanation of events, but the important factor of prevention under similar circumstances was not apparent. The Commission ordered Entergy to submit a plan that would prevent recurrence.

Byars reported that this plan of review and prevention was received Aug. 19. He further stated that the plan has the necessary elements to prevent a recurrence.

The Commission will continue to follow this issue with Entergy Mississippi until resolution of the problem.

The Commission has particular interest in the specific actions of 1) increasing capacity (uprating) for certain on-system generating units, and 2) installation of additional generation capacity.

Wal-Mart to recognize teachers

Wal-Mart, Waveland, will sponsor a free Terrific Teacher Tool Kit for teachers attending a Teachers Recognition Reception to be held Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Waveland store.

All teachers, public and private schools, all grades, are invited and encouraged to attend.

There will also be a drawing for four \$25 merchandise gift certificates, in addition to a \$300 grant for an environmental, recycling, or planting project at a school. Winners must be present during drawing to be held at 10 a.m.

The Wal-Mart associates hosting are Bridget Hall, Julie Powell and Shannon Hartwig.

Drought begins to hurt some Mississippi crops

By Molly Keenan

MSU Ag Communications

As most of the nation focuses on the mid-Atlantic and Eastern states' drought, Mississippi farmers are struggling through a late-season drought of their own.

The first summer months looked promising to many Mississippi growers, but some crops have weakened due to a sudden lack of moisture in the area.

Dr. Alan Blaine, soybean specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said soybean production seems to be hardest hit by the changing weather.

"In the first summer months, our soybean crop looked too good to be true, but as mid-July approached, their condition reversed," Blaine said. "The soybean plant tends to shut down in extremely dry weather to preserve life. This summer's high temperatures and particularly the lack of moisture has dealt this crop a tremendous blow."

Throughout the years, Mississippi growers have learned to overcome many obstacles.

"Since Mississippi is more susceptible to problems like high temperatures, humidity and insect pressure, we have become accustomed to weather extremes, but to go into an extended period of time without rainfall is more than any crop can stand," Blaine said.

Dr. Will McCarty, Extension cotton specialist, said Mississippi cotton production has been affected by the recent dry weather.

"A sizable portion of the state's cotton crop has been affected and has digressed due to high temperatures and lack of rainfall," McCarty said.

Most of Mississippi's corn crop avoided damage from the recent drought-like weather conditions.

"Most of our corn crop had nearly reached physiological maturity when the drought began, resulting in little yield loss," said Dr. Erick Larson, Extension corn specialist. "Corn grown in the Corn Belt matures much later than in Mississippi."



Signs of sympathy

Wreaths have been placed on the northeast corner of Webb Street near the site of Saturday night's train collision that took the lives of a young woman and two young boys. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

LeGrand and Kopf in PERS runoff

Deadline for the return of Whitfield and James H. Kopf of Ridgeland are the candidates in a run-off election for a position on the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) Board of Trustees.

They were the top two vote getters among 12 candidates in the first election.

The election is being held to complete an unexpired six-year term through Dec. 31, 2000, representing state employees.

Runoff ballots were mailed to state agencies Aug. 25.

The 10-member PERS Board

administers the state's public retirement system. The board is comprised of two state employees, two retirees, the State Treasurer, a gubernatorial appointee and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, municipalities, counties and institutions of higher learning.

PERS is also conducting a special election for the board position representing public school and community college employees for a term through April 15, 2004.

Any employee of a public school district or community college who has been a PERS member for at least 10 years can qualify for the election by filing petitions with signatures of at least 25 PERS members who are public school or community college employees.

The deadline for filing petitions with PERS is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Any qualified school district or community college employee interested in being a candidate should contact his or her personnel or human services office to obtain petitions.



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See fall schedule for course description, date, times and locations. Pick up fall schedule at Community Education office - 307-E Coleman Ave., Waveland, or Hancock County Library branches.

"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

You do not want to forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry EXPO, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center.

Some 72 industries and businesses will be displaying their products and services.

The event is sponsored by the chamber's Economic Development Committee, which has worked really hard to make this event one folks will be talking about for a long time.

Admission is \$2 per person at the door or \$1 for advanced tickets, which are available at the chamber's office this morning.

You may want to attend just to see the difference in the Civic Center. Many improvements have been made in recent weeks and months at the facility.

Supervisors awarded a bid last Monday, and the flooring, in recent days, has been cleaned and scoured. Later, it will be sealed.

The Hancock County Master Gardeners, along with help from County Agent Mike Keene, county employees and sheriff's trustees, several donations from businesses and the chamber's Beautification Committee have begun a landscaping project in front of the center. County crews have also been working on parking behind the building and near the Farmers Market which is also a great improvement.

The entire building, inside and outside, has painted in recent months.

Many good things are happening in Hancock County, and many more are to follow.

We hope to see you this afternoon at the Chambers Business and Industry EXPO.

I was in conversation with West Hancock Volunteer Fire Chief Sam Bailey on Tuesday about the many happenings at the department in Pearlington.

One of the things he mentioned was that the department is in need of a small size soft drink can dispenser.

Now the fire department is a very small operation with only a few volunteers, so he does not need a large machine.

I thought maybe there was someone out there with a soft drink can dispenser sitting in a garage doing nothing, and it could be used by the volunteer firefighters.

If you could help, give Chief Bailey a call at 533-0050.

Bright and early Wednesday morning Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Association was out and checking the final preparations for the Tercentenary Park next to Hancock Bank on Beach Boulevard.

City crews were getting the barricades in place for the big long awaited celebration.

It was a very gala affair Wednesday morning, and there are many, many folks to be thought of whenever plaudits go out.

The Tercentenary Park is something which will bring about a lot of discussion for many, many years to come.

The park is part of our history in Bay St. Louis and 300 years of history is a very long time.

It was good to see the number of persons who took the time to get out and vote in the primary run-offs on Tuesday.

There were almost as many voting in the county on Tuesday as there were August 3 when there were many more candidates.

Congratulations to the winners and really all of the candidates, as they campaigned very hard.

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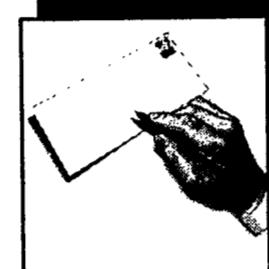
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jerry Lewis reports star lineup for MDA telethon

Dear Editor:

As Labor Day approaches, I'd like to remind the people of Hancock County that the holiday weekend will be much more than a final vacation opportunity before the summer draws to a close and youngsters go back to school.

It will be the weekend when, for the 34th consecutive year, some 75 million Americans will tune in to support the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

Tens of thousands more will participate in special Labor Day weekend events in Hancock County and around the country -- all to help "my kids." I encourage readers of the Sea Coast Echo to participate in local MDA events orchestrated by dedicated volunteers, and to watch the Telethon on WLOX-TV, Channel 13, on Sept. 5-6.

This year's show will be the biggest and best yet, with Telethon anchor Ed McMahon and I introducing an incredible lineup of stars.

Those stars performing, making appeals or cameo appearances include Jason Alexander, Brandy, Mariah Carey, Carrot Top, Cher, Norm

Crosby, Sheyl Crow, David James Elliott, Whitney Houston, Judge Judy, Larry King, Cyndi Lauper, Lucy Lawless, Bill Maher, Maureen McGovern, Tom Petty, LeAnn Rimes, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Diane Schuur, Martin Short, Kevin Sorbo, Martha Stewart, Pam Tillis, Alex Trebek, Tina Turner, Shania Twain and Christopher Walken.

With our support, MDA can continue to provide unparalleled help -- clinics, wheelchairs and braces, support groups and summer camps for kids with neuromuscular diseases. MDA will also be able to accelerate its research seeking treatments and cures for 40 neuromuscular disorders, including the world's first human gene therapy trials for a muscle-wasting disease.

The help of the great people of Hancock County makes this progress possible. Thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy
Association

Straight A's

Democracy is government by the people. Hardly anyone in America would openly argue against this sacred fundamental concept.

Yet every time we delegate more power to federal bureaucrats, we chip away at the freedom of local citizens. It is not that federal employees are bad, but the more authority we give to faceless Washington agencies, the less impact local citizens have in the overall political process, and thus our nation becomes at little less democratic.

Thankfully we have made great strides in bringing power back to the state and local level, allowing the individual genius that built America to again manifest itself.

Let me tell you about our latest initiative -- a unique deal between states and the federal government that will help eliminate vast performance gaps among our nation's school children.

The "Academic Achievement for All Act," commonly called the "Straight A's" legislation, was recently introduced by a group of senators, including myself, who are concerned with the excessive red tape and varying student achievement in our schools.

This initiative can focus the federal government's attention on what really matters, academic performance, instead of micro-management in areas where local parents, teachers and school administrators should have the last word.

The act will allow states to sign a five-year agreement with the Secretary of Education in exchange for the flexibility to use federal funds for a variety of educational needs. With this authority comes responsibility.

States and school districts will be held more accountable for boosting the academic achievement of all students, especially disadvantaged children.

Local districts can then divert these freed energies toward reducing class size, improving teacher quality, ending social promotion and working with disadvantaged students.

States that reduce the achievement gaps between their lowest and highest performing students by 25 percent or better will be rewarded.

"Straight A's" fits in perfectly with the Senate leadership's overall plan for education.

flexibility, giving local communities more say-so when it comes to their children's education.

After all, each child, and each school district, is unique. Of course, there are general standards which the federal government should rightfully seek to instill in all American schools, but after years of universally mandated academic and social experimentation our communities deserve relief.

Look at Mississippi's schools. We have communities in our state which have excellent schools, they boast about their educational opportunities, sometimes even using quality schools to entice new residents and recruit new industries.

Then there are areas in Mississippi with schools that remain seriously challenged. To me, these differences indicate solutions are at the local, not federal, level. Students should not be subjected to disadvantages because of generic federal mandates.

The incentives of the "Straight A's" legislation will allow districts to try these new approaches, without interference from someone in Washington who has never even been to Mississippi, much less any of our varying cities and towns.

It may be that a school needs new computers, additional teachers, or simply upgrades to its physical plant. Whatever the need, "Straight A's" will give local officials the freedom to identify and focus on their specific challenges.

If you are not convinced, think about this. In 1969, total local, state and federal education spending stood at \$68.5 billion. In 1996, total local, state and federal spending topped \$564 billion. We have received very little from this hefty dose of federalism into the local education scene.

SAT scores and reading skills nationwide remain stagnant, while American high school seniors score disturbingly low in world math and science skills.

We must conclude that there is really no magic blanket approach to education. The Academic Achievement for All Act is part of an overall fresh approach to addressing these problems. It brings another piece of democracy back to the heartland. Power in the hands of people -- it worked before, it will work again.

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
CVSO

Veterans benefit programs introduced in House and Senate

The House of Representatives approved legislation in July which would provide disabled veterans with a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) next year.

The amount of the COLA will be identical to the increase in Social Security benefits. This amount has yet to be determined.

This entitlement (HR 1765) would be increased for veterans' disability benefits and it would expand a variety of other programs for disabled veterans. The bill would authorize the increases in payments for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and their survivors.

About 2.3 million veterans received disability compensation in June, and the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to spend more than \$18 billion on such benefits this fiscal year.

The legislation passed 242-0 with warm praise from both Republicans and Democrats and no criticism.

The measure included provisions of bills introduced by members from both sides of the aisle. This is the way the legislative process ought to work, and the real winners are America's veterans.

The proposed legislation also includes the following benefits:

1. Proposes adding a form of lung cancer, bronchioloalveolar carcinoma, to the list of service-connected diseases eligible for benefits. This type of cancer is not associated with tobacco use.

2. Authorizes survivors' benefit payments to spouses of prisoners of war who were completely disabled when they died because of service-related injuries (HR 784).

3. Restores eligibility for certain benefits -- medical care, education and housing loans -- to surviving spouses who have remarried and whose subsequent marriage has ended (HR 708).

4. Authorizes a \$65 million loan from the U.S. Treasury to begin construction of a memorial to World War II veterans and schedule ground breaking for Veterans Day 2000.

5. Expands the American Battle Monuments Commission's authority to raise money for the memorial. About \$57 million in private money has been pledged.

Veterans of World War II are passing on at the astonishing

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William Carey College to display artworks

The art of Clayton Bass combines divergent elements such as geometric shapes, natural forms and contrasting textures to create hybrid art made of wood, paper, canvas and found objects.

The orchestrated dialogue in these works reference both the logical constructs of technology, the innate wholeness in nature and the challenge of achieving a balance of the two.

Throughout the last two decades, Bass has explored numerous related themes utilizing collage, assemblage, sculpture in wood and works on canvas to present his ideas about the relationship of humankind to each other, to nature and with the unseen world.

The exhibition Stages & Seasons, opening on Aug. 26 and continuing through Sept. 16 at the Sarah Gillespie Gallery at William Carey College, will present works created by Clayton Bass since relocating to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Also on display will be a selection of earlier two and three-dimensional works that chart his artistic evolution through the years.

Bass studied painting and drawing at East Carolina University and the State University of New York. Having grown up in North Carolina, he transplanted himself into New York City's Little Italy and Soho in 1978.

Life took a wonderful turn one Saturday night in Greenwich Village when he



Bass art

The art of Clayton Bass, executive director of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, will be displayed at William Carey College of the Coast beginning Thursday.

met his wife Hester, an Atlanta native, singer, actress and storyteller.

A shared passion for the artworks of Walter Anderson has brought them, after 15 years in Atlanta, to Ocean Springs, where Bass became executive director of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in October 1996.

Clayton and Hester Bass have two children.

The art of Clayton Bass has been presented in numerous solo and group exhibitions for the past 18 years. His works are in numerous private and

corporate collections in many states.

In March 1998, he presented his first Mississippi solo exhibition, Movement, at the solo exhibition at Space 504 Gallery in New York City.

Ohr Center presents nature's art

In conjunction with the fourth annual Horn Island Exhibit, the George E. Ohr Arts & Cultural Center is hosting an open discussion with guest speaker Mike Hobbs.

The lecture and slide presen-

V.A.

Continued from Page 4

ing rate of 1,000 a day," said Rep. Bob Stump (R-AZ). "We must complete this World War II monument as soon as possible."

6. Grants permanent eligibility for housing loans to national reservists and National Guard members who have served a minimum of six years.

7. Authorizes \$100 million over five years for the Labor Department to run a program to help homeless veterans find work.

8. Directs the VA Department to obligate money and begin planning to buy four new national cemeteries for veterans and to begin a comprehensive study of burial needs. The House also passed by voice vote a bill offering technical, financial and other help to businesses owned by veterans.

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Hancock supervisors tour new Kiln Public Library

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors and library officials toured the new Kiln Public Library Friday. Now under construction, the new facility is scheduled to open in early fall of this year.

Funds to construct and equip the new library were appropriated by the county supervisors. Additional funds were also obtained through a federal Library and Construction Act grant through the Mississippi Library Commission and private donations.

Project Overview

Hancock County is one of the fastest growing counties in Mississippi. Population increases have been unprecedented and have affected all government services in the county including the Hancock County Library System.

Kiln, because of its location, natural beauty and rural setting, is becoming one of the most popular places in south Mississippi. Located off the east-west corridor of I-10, Kiln is on the county's only north-south roadway, Hwy. 603.

This roadway also connects to I-59 in the north and Hwy. 90 in the south. The area is home to people who work in New Orleans, the Biloxi-Gulfport areas and even Mobile.

However, it is the community of Kiln and the quiet refuge of surrounding villages that beckon people to live and raise families.

Between

County residents receive NASA awards

Twenty-three Hancock County residents were among 82 people recognized recently during NASA's Honor Awards ceremony at the John C. Stennis Space Center.

NASA's Wanda D'Amico of Waveland and Gregory Fletcher of Bay St. Louis each received NASA Service Awards for 25 years of service to the federal government.

Rebecca Deschamp of Kiln was among the recipients of the 1999 Chief Financial Officer Special Act Awards.

NASA Group Achievement Awards were presented to the Commercial Remote Sensing Program Scientific Data Buy Acquisition and Validation Team and the Technology Transfer New Technology Reporting Team.

NASA employees Frederick Pollicelli, Linda Carr Freeman, Jeffrey Jenner and Linda Slade, all of Diamondhead, were recognized for their work as members of the Commercial Remote Sensing Program Scientific Data Buy Acquisition and Validation Team.

The team received its award for its procurement of Earth Science data necessary to meet NASA's science needs from the commercial sector.

Other team members from Hancock County include Rose Fletcher, Jeff LaDouce, Bill Lucas, James Lucas, Robert Ryan and Gregory Jones, all of Diamondhead; Kimberly Macey, John Foster and William Smith, all of Bay St. Louis; and Joseph Spruce and You 'Risa' Wu, both of Waveland.

NASA's Judy Cook of Diamondhead, and Lockheed Martin's Jeffrey Eberhart of Waveland.

their work on the Stennis Space Center Quality of Workplace

course for the next century of space exploration. I applaud

each and every one of you for your accomplishments.



NASA honors

John C. Stennis Space Center recently presented the prestigious NASA Honor Awards to a number of individuals and groups, both government and non-government, who make outstanding contributions to the NASA mission. A Public Service Group Achievement Award was presented to the Stennis Space Center Quality of Workplace Team for their work in supporting the personal and essential day-to-day services and functions of the center. Team members include Mary Bley of Long Beach; Edolia Barros of Slidell; Freida Dobson and Beth McGregor, both of Picayune; Abenna Benson Jones of Gulfport; Don Wilson of Waveland; Bill Humphries of Kiln; Sharon Blount of Pearl River, La.; Phillip Noble and Alyce Moran, both of Kiln; Scott Burks of Metairie; and David Parker of Nicholson.



NASA contributors

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land, were recognized for their work on the Technology Transfer New Technology Reporting Team. The team was honored for its significant accomplishment in establishing methods of capturing technology for reporting that included telephone conversations with company representatives, visits to companies, on-site training, and personal interaction with contractors and NASA engineers.

Don Wilson of Waveland, Alyce Moran and Bill Humphries, both of Kiln, and Phillip Noble of Diamondhead, were honored with Public Service Group Achievement Awards for

Team.

NASA's prestigious Honor Awards are presented to a number of carefully selected individuals and groups, both government and non-government, who make outstanding contributions to the NASA mission.

NASA's William F. Readdy, deputy associate administrator of the Office of Space, was guest speaker at the awards ceremony. Prior to presenting medals and certificates to the awards recipients, Readdy said, "It makes me proud to be a part of this industry and to be with you all who are charting the

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Hints for kids in BASSMASTERS casting, pitching, flipping contest

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

The Hancock County BASS-MASTERS will sponsor a kids BASSMASTER CastingKids competition Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4-5, and some tips on the competition are offered by Raymond A. Cuevas, committee chairman.

The competition will give youths ages 7-10 and 11-14 an opportunity to test their casting, pitching and flipping skills. Birth dates are based on Aug. 1, 2000. The event is free and open to the public.

The BASSMASTER Casting-Kids Competition will be held in conjunction with the Waveland Civic Association's annual Kids Fishing Rodeo, Festival and Fireworks Display to be held

over the Labor Day weekend in Waveland.

The competition will be at the Coleman Avenue soccer field, located at the corner of Coleman and Central avenues, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and also 4-7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Cuevas said, "Practice makes a winner!"

A few helpful tips offered by BASSMASTERS CastingKids contest in the competition include:

How to cast

Imagine that the arm holding your rod and reel is the hand of a clock. To cast, bend your elbow so that your rod points to 12 o'clock.

Snap the rod forward using your wrist as you straighten

your elbow. Then use your wrist to snap your rod back to 10 o'clock. Snap the rod forward using your wrist as you straighten your elbow. When the rod is pointed 1 or 2 o'clock, release your line.

If your lure goes high into the air without going forward you are releasing your line too soon.

If your lure goes low and not very far, then you are releasing your line too late. In competition, your casting target will be 30 feet away.

How to flip

Let your line out about 10 feet from the rod tip and engage the reel. With your free hand, grab the line guides by straightening your arm out to the side.

How to pitch

Quickly swing the rod tip forward and up toward the target and let go of the lure with your free hand. As the lure passes underneath the tip of the rod, release the line and continue to raise the tip of the rod. The lure should then fly just above the target and touch down softly 20 feet away.

At the same time raise the tip of the rod. The lure should start to swing back toward you. When the lure swings back to your body, lower the rod to make the lure swing forward.

Quickly raise the rod tip again to use your hand to feed the line back through the rod guides. The lure should touch down softly in the target area, which will be 10 feet away.

How to pitch

First let out the line until the lure can reach the reel. Hold the lure with your free hand level with your waist. Lower the rod tip and pull the line tight.

Quickly swing the rod tip forward and up toward the target and let go of the lure with your free hand. As the lure passes underneath the tip of the rod, release the line and continue to raise the tip of the rod. The lure should then fly just above the target and touch down softly 20 feet away.

The kids will be judged on their casting, pitching and flipping skills. Those who make the national finals will compete against kids their own age for \$20,000 in scholarships and prizes, said Cuevas, the Hancock County BASSMASTERS competition chairman.

Each competitor will receive a free BASSMASTER Casting-Kids Certificate of Competition and a copy of the program's official publication, BASSMASTER CastingKids Magazine.

Winners at the local level also receive a Medallion and a Sebco rod and reel.

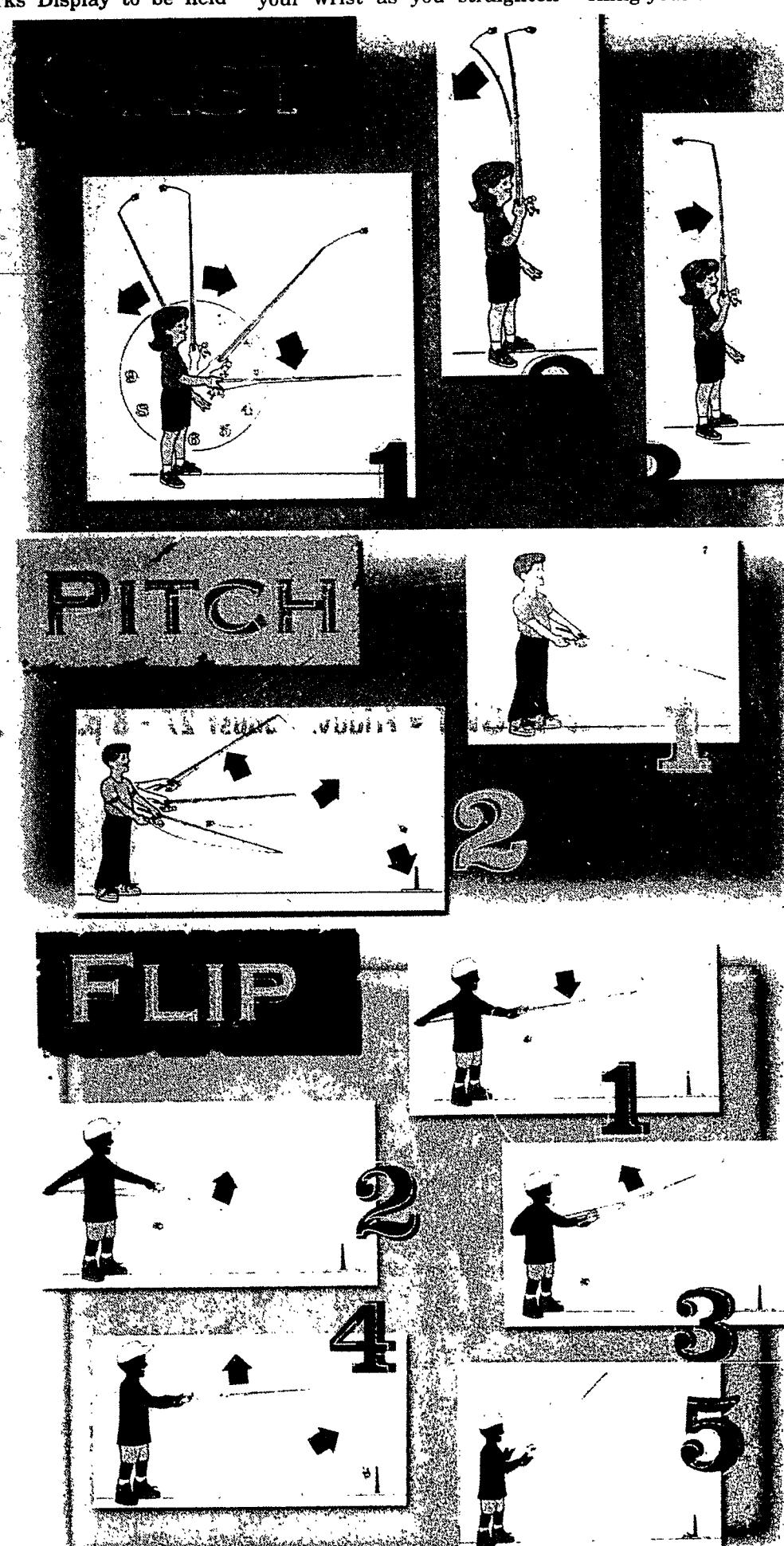
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Boland wins annual Brett Lacost Memorial Race

Twenty-four Late Models were on hand Saturday at Sun Coast Speedway in Pass Christian for the second annual Brett Lacost Memorial Race.

Randy Walter of Laurel, Mike Boland of Cuba, Ala. and Rickey Hankins of Purvis shared heat race wins to earn the top three starting positions.

Walters sat on the pole with Boland on the outside while Hankins shared the second row with D. B. Hawkins of Satsuma, Ala.

Boland and Walters had problems with turn two on the green flag lap allowing Hankins and Hawkins to come out of turn two in the lead.

A couple of lap cars got out of shape in turn four as Hankins and Hawkins were working their way through. Hankins managed to get through while Hawkins was not so lucky as he spun to the rear with the race back to caution rule in effect, and ended his hopes for a top finish.

Boland moved into second with Lucky Keeton of Meridian in the second spot and Walters holding on to third. Debris on the track brought out a caution, and while it was being cleared, Hankins machine, which had looked strong in the early going, costed to a stop.

Efforts to restart it with a push failed, and Hankins had to be pushed to the pits. What looked like the beginning of a battle between Hankins and Boland for the top spot ended before it ever got started. Keeton was able to keep Boland honest but could not mount the serious challenge.

Walters was able to hold off Rickey Idom of Hattiesburg and Larry Boutwell of Crest View, Fla. to finish in the third spot. Nathan Bynum of Laurel rounded out the top six finishers.

Mike Ladner added another Pro Stock feature to his list of wins by going on a flag-to-flag run for the feature win. Bobby Dunn and Jeremy Broadus fin-

ished in the second and third positions. Bill Stewart and Steve Pete Sr. both won earlier heat races in this division.

Wallace Allen made a clean sweep of the IMCA division by winning both heat and feature races. Ben Stephens chased Allen to the checkers on both occasions but was unable to move past Allen. Donald Parker was challenging Allen for the lead in the feature before getting into the front wall, doing race ending damage to this car. Kalif Sellier held off Ron Tubbs to finish in the third spot.

Michael Williams came out on top in a three-way battle in the Street Stock class between Rodney Barber and Lonnie Scarborough as they raced three wide on several occasions.

Barber was unable to find a way around Williams and settled for a second, while Scarborough finished third over fourth place finisher Bubba Trotter. Ron Manley and Cherokee Boyd both won earlier heat races.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors has under consideration a proposal to adopt their Fiscal Year 1999/2000 budget showing 4 percent increase in its property tax revenue due to county growth from all classes of property provided for in Section 112, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, as amended, with 0 millage increase, and to decrease its total budget by 9 percent. This budget decrease being affected by \$5,000,000 County Road Construction Project and \$1,200,000 Kiln Public Library Construction Project being near completion.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the budget on September 7, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. in the Courthouse located at 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A final decision of the proposed budget will be made on September 7, 1999, in a public hearing to be held in the said Board of Supervisors' meeting room.

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TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.
2t; August 26 & September 2, 1999

Meet the Wildcats, Lady Wildcats Night set

Pearl River Community College will host its annual Meet the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats Night in M. R. White Coliseum on the PRCC campus.

PRCC's 1999 football team and men's and women's soccer teams will be featured at the event that begins at 7 p.m.

Members of the Wildcat football team will be introduced to the crowd, followed by the wildcat and Lady Wildcat soccer teams.

PRCC kicks off its season Sept. 2 against Itawamba in Fulton, while the Wildcat soccer team starts its inaugural season Aug. 28 at the men-only Hinds Jamboree on the Hinds

Community College campus in Raymond.

The Lady Wildcat team opens its season Tuesday, Aug. 31 against Hinds. Men's and women's contests are set beginning at 6 p.m. The first home games are set for Tuesday, Sept. 14 against Copiah-Lincoln beginning at 3 p.m.

Chris D'Ambrosio is coach of the Wildcat team, while Adam Breerwood heads the women's program. Keith Daniels is entering his fifth season as the football head coach at PRCC.

The first meeting of the PRCC Wildcat club is set immediately following Thursday's special night.

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Ladner earns top 10 finish at AQHYA World Championship Show

Raegan Ladner of Pass Christian and Flashy Codyboy competed against 63 entries to earn a top 10 finish in stake race competition at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show Aug. 6-14 in Fort Worth, Texas.

This is a great honor for a young exhibitor in American Quarter Horse Association arena competition," said AQHA Executive Vice President Bill Brewer. "Raegan Ladner should be congratulated for this prestigious accomplishment."

The AQHYA World Championship Show is the pinnacle event for the 30,000-member American Quarter Horse Youth Association. The show featured 2,064 entries from around the

world competing for 30 world championships, making this the largest youth world championship horse show.

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Poplarville soccer practice

With the first season of Pearl River Community College soccer fast approaching the Wildcats and Lady Wildcats have recently finished three-a-day practices. "In a short amount of time we have come together as a team and are looking forward to our first season," said head women's coach Adam Breerwood. The Wildcats will open on the 28th at Raymond in the Hinds Jamboree and both teams will be in action on the 31st at Raymond against Hinds. Pictured is Amanda Kingston of Waveland practicing goal shots.

Sea Wolves announce affiliation with the Coyotes and Falcons

The 1999 East Coast Hockey League Champion Mississippi Sea Wolves announce the continuation of their affiliation with the NHL Phoenix Coyotes and the AHL Springfield Falcons.

This affiliation agreement results in the continuation of a long-term (four years) partnership with the Phoenix Coyotes and the Springfield Falcons.

Through the affiliation, the Sea Wolves can expect to see four or five players assigned to them by the Phoenix and Springfield organizations.

A key group of core players on the 1999 ECHL Kelly Cup Champion Mississippi Sea Wolves came to the franchise through the Springfield Falcons.

Taylor Burke, assistant general manager of the NHL Phoenix Coyotes, said, "We're extremely pleased to see this part-

nership continue for the fourth year and we are looking forward to a successful 1999-2000 season."

Bruce Landon, owner, president and general manager of the AHL Springfield Falcons said, "We're excited to be working once again with the Mississippi Sea Wolves. We've seen first hand that Mississippi is a great place to develop young players from the Phoenix and Springfield organizations. Certainly we're going to miss Burce Boudreau, but we're looking forward to working with Marc Potvin."

"Today is a really good day if you are a fan of the Mississippi Sea Wolves. To be able to continue assisting both Phoenix and Springfield in the development of young hockey players guarantees that the Gulf Coast will continue to see some of the

new Sea Wolves Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations Mark Potvin commented, "I am extremely excited to be able to continue the relationships with Phoenix and Springfield. I am very grateful for the help they provide us in putting together a championship team."

The Sea Wolves home opener will be played in the Wolves Den Sunday, Oct. 17 at 6:05 p.m. against the Baton Rouge Kingfish.

Rick's Series concludes tour

The season-ending race of the 15-event Rick's Super Late Model Racing Series (SLMRS) tour in 1999 will take place Aug. 27-28 at Columbus Speedway.

The \$10,000 to win "James Nichols Memorial 100" will also determine the 1999 Mississippi state championship for dirt late model action, in addition to crowning a new Rick's SLMRS champion for the season.

Heading into the final race of

Bay High sinks Lady Admirals

The Bay High School Lady Tigers downed the visiting Gulfport Lady Admirals 15-7 and 15-3 in high school volleyball Tuesday night.

Bay High improved its record to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in district play. Gulfport falls to 3-1.

Alexis Koskan was high scorer for the Lady Tigers with 16 points. Shenma Ambrose had five.

In junior varsity action, Bay High also won, beating Gulfport 16-14, 9-19 and 15-1. Natalie Acker and Christen Hartley were high scorers for the Lady Tigers with 11 points each. Christina Mueller had nine points. The JV team is 5-0 on the season.

Bay High will host the Pass Christian Lady Pirates tonight with the junior varsity contest beginning at 6 p.m. preceded by the varsity game at 7 p.m.

OLA downs Biloxi

Our Lady Academy stopped the visiting Biloxi Lady Indians 15-10 and 15-2 Tuesday night in district volleyball play.

Mindy Davis was high scorer for the Crescents with 13 points. Jillian Hunter had five points as OLA improved to 4-1 overall, and 2-1 in district action.

The OLA junior varsity team also won, 15-10 and 15-6. Rachel Crawford had eight points for the Crescents. Katherine Milner and Keith Puckett had six points each.

OLA will travel to Pass Christian next Tuesday to face the Lady Pirates at 6 p.m.

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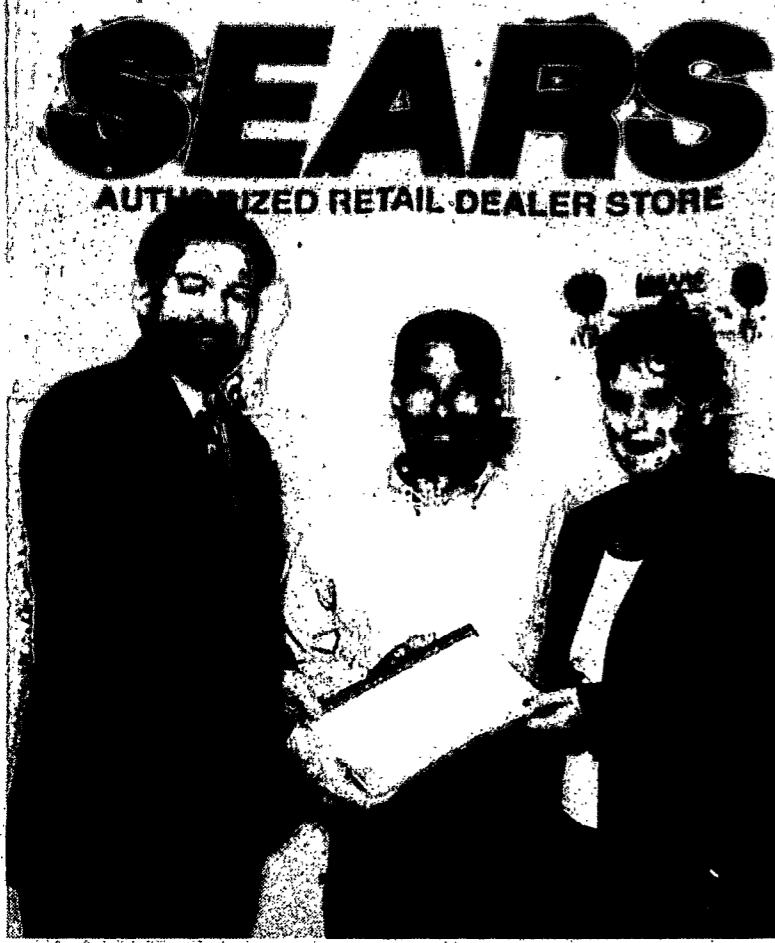
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BUSINESS NEWS

THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1999



Sears opens

Mario and Susan Bustamante, center and right, are the owners of the new Sears Authorized Retail Dealer Store in Bay St. Louis at 618 Blue Meadow Road next to Winn-Dixie. The Bustamantes became official owners after completing a comprehensive training program and were congratulated by David Wells, left, vice president, Human Resources, Sears Dealer Stores at Sears suburban Chicago headquarters.

Sears store opens in Bay St. Louis

Mario and Susan Bustamante have recently opened a Sears Authorized Dealer Store at 618 Blue Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis.

The store is open 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. It features a wide selection of consumer electronics, appliances, tools and lawn and garden equipment, including Sears' exclusive brand names such as Kenmore and Craftsman.

The store will hold its grand opening on September 11, featuring a three-hour ribbon cutting sales special from 9 a.m.

Analysis & Technology opens new Bay office

BY ED LEPOMA

U.S. Sen Trent Lott (R-Miss.) was the keynote speaker Aug. 13 for ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the opening of new offices for Analysis & Technology, Inc. in Bay St. Louis.

The firm, which has supported the U.S. Navy's meteorology and oceanography community at Stennis Space Center since 1986, has moved into new offices built for it by local contractor Ronnie Artigues.

The new facility, located at 321 Thames Avenue near Hancock Medical Center, was designed and constructed to support the information technology services routinely provided to customers, including integral digital and/or analog connectivity to every office, digital data servers, partial T-1 external connectivity, and remotely monitored Department of Defense-approved security systems.

A&T employs 90 personnel in the Bay St. Louis and Panama City, Fla., offices. A&T Bay St. Louis primarily provides computer software applications development, software engineering, and digital publication/product development services to the Naval Research Laboratory, the headquarters of the Commander Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and the Naval Oceanographic Offices at Stennis. Program management, administration, and strategic planning support is provided on-site.

Marla Helveston serves as Department and Facilities manager, overseeing all A&T Bay St. Louis operations and personnel.

A&T was founded in 1969 and acquired by Anteon Corporation in 1999. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Anteon Corp.

Headquartered in Fairfax, Va., Anteon provides information technology, systems engi-

Credit union schedules ground-breaking for headquarters

James L. "Sandy" Rogers, president and CEO of the Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, announced that the \$38 million credit union will break ground on a new main office building Aug. 27.

The new facility, which will be located on the east side of Hwy. 49 near O'Neal Road, will serve as both the headquarters for the federally-chartered credit union as well as providing a full-service branch office.

The planned two-story facility will house the administrative offices on the second floor while the first floor will be devoted to member services, including three drive-through lanes; a safe deposit box vault; offices for loan officers including a mortgage lending department; new accounts representatives; and expanded teller service facilities.

Rogers explained that the new facility will enable the credit union to better serve both new and existing members in the Orange Grove area as well as provide a central location for the institution's growing administrative services.

"The community's response to our new name and charter have been tremendous, and now that we are able to serve a broader segment of the Coast's

population, the expanded space is necessary to handle the significant growth we anticipate."

The Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, formerly the Gulfport VA Federal Credit Union, received approval to change its charter to a community charter in July. The new charter allows anyone who lives, works, attends church or goes to school in Harrison or Hancock County to join the credit union.

Rogers noted that devoting the entire first floor to member needs will enable the credit union to offer new services like safe deposit boxes.

"We believe that this new facility will enable us to provide the best member service possible, and we hope that the new building will be a source of excitement and pride for our members."

CBI, Consultants and Builders, Incorporated, designed the traditional-style brick building and estimated that the facility will be completed in the spring of 2000.

The groundbreaking is scheduled for 10 a.m. and is open to the general public. Current plans include maintaining the credit union's existing five branches in Gulfport, Biloxi and Bay St. Louis.

'Clean & Beautiful' award winners named for August

Hancock Medical Center, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Dr. David Tuminello, Bay St. Louis, and Taco Bell, Waveland, each received the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee's Clean and Beautiful Award for August.

The award is given monthly by the committee to recognize businesses who enhance the community by keeping their business clean and beautiful. Their efforts create community pride and is pleasing for both residents and visitors.

The goal of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is to promote the social, civic and economic well-being of the community. Through various committees the chamber has a number of programs and projects, both new and ongoing, to focus on this goal.

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Runoff — Garber top Democrat for sheriff

race still must face Republican David Depre in November. Depre narrowly lost to Moran four years ago.

Garber, assistant fire chief in Waveland and a former part-time sheriff's deputy, still has to face Republican Ray Murphy.

former Bay St. Louis police chief in November. The 35-year-old candidate racked up a significant total in his race against

Peterson, who started in the Sheriff's Department as a narcotics officer in 1972, then went on to win five consecutive terms

as sheriff beginning in 1980.

The final, but unofficial count gives Garber 4,638 votes or 66 percent to 3,863 or 45 percent for Peterson. A look at the voting in the 28 precincts shows that Garber won the election on the strength of votes cast for him in the northern part of the county, where he moved three years ago, and he ran strong in Anseley, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor and Arlington.

Garber said he will continue to put emphasis on drug enforcement and educating the children of the community on the dangers of drugs.

Throughout the night, the count in the assessor's race kept changing, but in the end, Ladner ended up with 4,030 votes, and Adam had 3,863.

Ladner faces Republican F. Lee Bennett, Murtagh's chief tax appraiser, in November.

Tommy Carver, 43, of Lakeshore, won the Democratic nomination for the Justice Court West seat vacated by longtime Judge Lee Klein. Carver has worked an auxiliary police officer with the Hancock County Sheriff's office and the Bay St. Louis Police.

Unofficial results show Carver with 2,453 votes, and Paula Ladner Fayard with 1,578 votes. Fayard is a Waveland city employee. Carver will face Republican Harry Ward in November.

In the Constable West race, unofficial results show newcomer Eric Moran, 42, defeating incumbent Gary Bennett 2,241 to 1,748. Bennett, who works fulltime at Lockheed's NASA operations at the Stennis Space Center, held the part-time constable post for the last 12 years.

In the Constable East race, Danny Hamby of Kiln defeated Leo Ladner 2,179 to 2,026. Hamby, 30, is a deputy sheriff with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department. He will face Republican Brian Cuevas and independent candidate Scott Duncan in November.

The Circuit Clerk's office estimated 43 percent of Hancock's 22,418 registered voters turned out for the runoff elections.

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Dedication — Bay Park honors Bienville

Bienville statue come after he learned the city of Biloxi would be celebrating its tricentennial with a life-size statue of its founder, Bienville's brother, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville.

"It's only fitting that the two brothers should face each other from each side of the Mississippi Sound," Gray said.

The 500-pound Bienville statue was designed by sculptor Mary Davidson and presented

to the city by Hancock Bank Chairman and CEO Leo W. Seal Jr. said yesterday.

Seal said much of the credit for the day's festivities should go to Gray.

"I don't think you know how much time and effort and his personal money he's put into making this come to pass," Seal said.

Seal presented a "deed of gift" for the statue to Bay St. Louis

Mayor Eddie Favre.

"Three hundred years ago, it took courage, trust and teamwork to be progressive and make voyages of discovery," Favre said at the dedication. "Is it any different today ...? It will take courage, trust and teamwork and good stewardship to ensure that Bay Saint Louis will still be 'A Place Apart' in the 21st century."

Davidson also presented Favre and Seal with miniature bronze replicas of Bienville.

Along with the statue, Tercentenary Park contains bricks and granite plaques bearing the names of donors to the project; wrought iron fencing provided by Joe Etheridge's company; and an arch designed by Monte Ladner.

Sherman Necaise in November.

Incumbent District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward turned back a Republican challenger in the primary, and faces Democrat and former Hancock County Supervisor Roger Dale Ladner in November.

If his lead holds out over in-

cumbent District 5 Supervisor Philip Moran, Democrat Jay Cuevas will tee off in November against Republican David Depre, who narrowly lost to Moran four years ago.

There are challengers to incumbent House and Senate seats in November.

Incumbent Democratic Sen. Scott Cuevas will attempt to keep his District 46 Senate seat, running against Republican nominee Dave Koger of Diamondhead.

Incumbent Democratic state Rep. Dirk Dedeaux had no Democratic opposition in the

primary, but will be challenged for his District 93 seat by Republican nominee Gerald Switzer.

Re-elected to new four-year terms in the Aug. 3 primary were: Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler, District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman and District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour, all Democrats.

Robbery — Suspect linked

way on Roseheart Street around 6 a.m. Wednesday. Investigating officer Thomas Rustoli, Asst. Police Chief Ricardo Deadeux and FBI Agent Gerard Peralta determined there was cause to link Francois to the

robbery. He was taken into custody and charged with armed robbery of the People's Bank, then transferred to the Harrison County Correctional Center where he is being held under \$100,000 bond.

On Tuesday, Police Chief John Dubuisson said Gulfport police arrested a suspect on an unrelated charge, and evidence recovered links him to the robbery.

The suspect, Darryl K. Ellis,

23, of Gulfport was spotted urinating in public in the 1100 block of Todd Alley. He was wearing the same clothes the alleged robber wore—a multicolored shirt and khaki pants, and there was a holdup note in his pocket.

A portion of the stolen money was also recovered, but the amount was not released.

Gulfport police have turned Ellis over to the Pass Christian Police Department, and he has been transferred to the Harrison County Correctional Center, where he is also under \$100,000 bond.

Witnesses told police that an unmasked black man entered the bank on Henderson Avenue around mid-afternoon and handed a note to a teller. "He implied he was armed, but didn't actually show a weapon," said Dubuisson. The man fled on foot.

FBI agent Harry Brown of Gulfport said Ellis may also be charged with bank robbery by the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office.

Navy — Moves out

Finally, the decision was made to abandon the building, and on Aug. 5, the 190 employees vacated the building. Some took up temporary quarters at Stennis, some at the Seabee base in Gulfport, and others opted to work out of their homes with cell phones and laptop computers.

The Human Resources Center is one of eight set up nationwide in a recent Navy reorganization. It serves as the Navy's

civilian personnel office for 10 states and Puerto Rico, keeping track of personnel records of more than 31,000 employees.

In the meantime, Wayne Gouget, marketing manager for Mason Technologies which has the exclusive contract with the Department of the Army to manage the former ammo plant, said experts have been hired to get to the source of the problem.

There seems to be something

wrong with the air quality in the building, but Gouget said, "We still haven't found the smoking gun."

He said industrial hygienists and engineers involved in the design and construction of the renovation were checking out the building trying to find the source of the problem.

Gouget would not venture a guess on how long the investigation might take.

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Beach — Section closed

nica Avenue to Hayden Avenue. The City of Pass Christian found a sink hole indicating a broken sewer line—which they are have now repaired. This broken sewer line was believed

to be the source of the elevated bacteria levels appearing in the closed section of beach.

Through MDEQ's Beach Monitoring Program, the agency

will continue monitoring beach water samples for bacterial contamination. When water samples show a consistent safe level for human contact, the beach will be reopened.

COAST 2050 project focuses on wetland restoration

Woody Crews, a New Orleans resident, salesman for a regional insurance company and recreational fisherman in Louisiana fully supports the diversion of fresh water from the Mississippi River at Davis Pond to Barataria Basin marshes.

A monitor, funded in part by a \$100,000 grant from the Gulf of Mexico Program, is going to help him and others in the community understand the impact of the diversion by providing time relevant water quality information via the Internet.

Crews believes the COAST 2050 initiative is the key to restoring wetlands in southern Louisiana. COAST 2050 is a joint planning initiative, involving the public, parish governments and state and federal agencies, to develop a strategic plan to protect and sustain Louisiana's coastal resources for future generations in a manner consistent with the welfare of the people.

According to Marnie Winter, director of the Jefferson Parish Environmental and Development Control Department, the COAST 2050 Plan has made it clear that the diversion of fresh water and sediments from the Mississippi River to Louisiana marshes by the U.S. Army Corps of engineers is a key component in the toolbox to restore and maintain vital wetlands.

"Freshwater diversion is essential to restoring wetlands, but there is some concern about the impact that nutrient-rich river water may have on water quality," she said.

The EMPACT (Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking) project will take some of the mystery out of diversions by providing nearly real-time water quality data to the public.

The date we gain will also help scientists and engineers better manage water diversions and diminish the likelihood of algal blooms, which can upset an area's fisheries."

"Fresh water marshes need fresh water," said Drew Puffer, the EMPACT project coordinator for the Gulf of Mexico Program at Stennis Space Center. "If the water isn't diverted, the wetlands could die off and there won't be any place to fish. The EMPACT project will enable us to get useful information to the local fishermen and residents so they are informed and can make appropriate decisions."

According to Puffer, the monitoring project will work like California air monitoring systems which inform residents of high ozone levels that may make breathing difficult.

"We can't necessarily prevent harmful algal blooms, but we can warn the fishermen so they can take precautions," he said.

While the Corps and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources oversee the actual river diversions, the monitoring project is a joint effort between the Corps, the Gulf of Mexico Program, Jefferson Parish, the U.S. Geological Survey, and Louisiana State University.

"Other participants in the

EMPACT project include the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies, and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists, and community leaders from all five Gulf Coast states.

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AAA HOMES "SPRING MADNESS" - "Select" model discount. These homes must go! No "reasonable" offer refused. No dealers please! Call: 635-643-6332, 378 Votors Road, Slidell.

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150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

2 AND 3 BEDROOM HOMES, \$550-\$650 monthly. Call Bridget for details at Gertrude Gardner Realtors, 467-1602 or 466-0219.

4BDRM, 2 BATH HOME, WALKING distance to beach, shopping nearby, pool & jacuzzi included, fenced yard. References required. 463-9723.

FOR RENT: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house, Waveland Ave., Waveland. 1 block from beach. 452-2646.

GARDEN ISLES 3BDRM, 2 BATH, on deep water canal. Must see to appreciate. \$800/mo. plus dep. 463-9479.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, from \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

PLUSH 2 BEDROOM 2 BATH large home with cathedral ceiling, fireplace, back screened porch on a seldom traveled street. \$790/mo., pet-free, smoke-free. Also 2 bedroom unfurnished home w/ large screened porch close to the beach in Waveland. \$450/mo., pet-free. Key Properties Inc. Ask for Carol. 467-0800.

WAVELAND 3BDRM, 1 BATH, BRICK, carport, new paint, fenced yard, \$650/mo., \$400 dep. Evenings 255-1413.

151 Furn. Houses For Rent

FURNISHED HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, view of beach, completely furnished, washer/dryer, \$800/month, does not include utilities. 213 Arlington, Waveland. Call Alesia, Agent 467-0244.

156 Lots/Acreage

2, 1 ACRE LOTS WITH WATER and sewer in Waveland. \$20,000. each. 467-5117.

GREAT BUY: Waveland lot. All utilities, nice area, \$3,900. Owner financing available. Only \$100.00 down. 228-467-5734.

JORDAN RIVER SHORES: Near public boat launch, paved street, all utilities. Clubhouse privileges. Owner financing available. Only \$100.00 down. 228-467-5734.

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LARGE, HIGH, DRY LOT: Fantastic area, Waveland, all utilities. Owner financing available, \$250.00 down, terms to fit your budget. 228-467-5734.

158 Commercial Property

1,100 SQ.FT. ON HIGHWAY 90, Ideal for office, retail or service business. \$800 per month includes water. 228-466-3333.

ATTRACTIVE 2400 SQ.FT. CONCRETE block bldg. Ideal for Day Care (\$12k/month earning potential) offices, etc. on 1 acre of land. Also included in price, 3BR House w/excellent rental potential. Asking \$150K. Call: 467-7149, 516-3139.

CHOCTAW VILLAGE: OFFICE & RETAIL space available. Talk to Gary T. Gilmore. 255-4396.

COMMERCIAL SPACE, SOON AVAILABLE. Old Town Bay St. Louis. 466-4848.

COMMERCIAL RENTAL AVAILABLE soon on Hwy. 90, up to 2140 sq.ft., 467-9278.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Coasi Plaza, Highway 90 & McLaurin St. 228-466-3333.

159 Houses For Sale

BRAND NEW! (UNDER CONSTRUCTION), 3/BR/2 BA (cathedral ceiling, all electric, carport, 120 North St., Waveland, MS 39576.

159 Houses For Sale

B.S.L. CONVENIENT LOCATION, 2800/180, new kitchen cabinets, carport, large fenced yard, \$67,000, evenings 256-1413.

COZY 2 BEDROOM, PRIVACY FENCE on 1 acre lots like grounds. \$65,000. Call Gold Coast 467-4479 leave message, or beeper 516-2088.

CUTE BLUE FRAME HOME W/HOME warranty, 2bdm, 1ba, central a/c, front porch, back deck, large back yard. 1008 Waveland Ave. \$54,900.00. Agent owner May Wells 487-1951, agent protection.

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KILN: BIG, BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, completely redone inside & out, 4bdm, 3ba, unique four levels, 12ft. ceilings, wood and tile floors, custom kitchen, great room w/fireplace, master suite, formal dr., study, 2,400 sq. ft., 1/4 acre, \$142,500. 888-6813.

ON WATER: CUTE, COMPLETELY remodeled home on 2 water front lot. \$87,500 furnished; \$84,500 unfurnished. 466-2505.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Public Notice

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
THIRTY-EIGHTH NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of February, 1999, Dennis L. Charles and wife, Betsy J. Charles, deceased, David B. Charles, deceased, Owners of Land described in Deed that is recorded in Land that Deed Book 540, Page 545-546, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, and

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'My neighbor's kitchen was coming down Alfonso Drive'

(This is the last in a series of eight stories tracing the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Camille on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1969.)

The stories are based on interviews conducted with survivors a decade after the storm by the University of Southern Mississippi Oral History Program, currently directed by Dr. Charles Bolton. The interviewer was R. Wayne Pyle of USM.

By Phil Hearn

BILOXI -- The Glennan Anderson home on Biloxi beach had been in the family for three generations before Hurricane Camille left her calling card 30 years ago.

John A. Switzer's home across the bay in Ocean Springs, on the other hand, was practically new -- just two years old -- when the worst recorded storm in American history ravaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast that Sunday night, Aug. 17, 1969.

Both houses -- as well as the home of Gulfport attorney Robert L. Taylor -- was among thousands destroyed as Camille left a \$1.5 billion wake of death and destruction. Two people died in the Anderson home. Taylor and the Switzers were more fortunate.

The weather was calm early that Sunday morning as 41-year-old Alma Anderson, Glennan's wife, drove several elderly members of the family to mass.

Later that morning, the wind was picking up steam as a cousin dropped by the Anderson household and informed alma, "Well, it looks like it's going to hit."

That may have been the understatement of the year.

Well, my mother-in-law and the old people in the house wouldn't have left that house for all the tea in China," Alma said in a 1979 interview with the University of Southern Mississippi Oral History Program. "They had been there all their lives, and they had never had one to hit (with such ferocity as Camille)."

Westward down the beach, Gulfport attorney Robert Taylor arrived at the small craft harbor bright and early that Sunday morning to move his sailboat around to the back bay area -- a precautionary move. He and sailing companion Billy Barrett got caught in a squall around Deer Island, however, so they retreated to the Gulfport harbor and tied down the vessel there as best they could.

Taylor, 40 -- whose wife, Beverly had died of cancer earlier that year -- returned to his Second Street home near the beach about mid-afternoon to prepare for the approaching storm. Later, he was joined by Barrett and another friend, Mary Evelyn Wallace.

By the time Taylor and his friends finished eating sandwiches about 10 pm., he said, "The wind was really blowing" and "water was gurgling in underneath the doors" of his brick home.

Quickly, the water was waist deep and Taylor watched his new Oldsmobile Delta 88 sink outside as a refrigerator-freezer floated by inside. "Then, there was another surge of tide and all of a sudden, it was up to our necks."

Over in Ocean Springs, 36-year-old John Switzer, an assistant vice president of the Pascagoula-Moss Point Bank, was watching the water creep up a draw located behind his Ruskin Street home, about 600-800 feet from the beach.

"When the water started up and got to the top of that (four-foot) fence (about 10:45 p.m.), I said, 'Let's go!'" Switzer told the USM Oral History Program in a separate interview.

Negotiating his car "over sidewalks, around trees, over the trees," Switzer drove his wife, Avis, and two small boys to the bank office in downtown Ocean Springs. They rode out the storm there in safety.

"The wind was screaming like a banshee," he recalled.

In Biloxi, the Anderson family braced for the onslaught of wind and waves. Inside the house were Glennan and Alma; Glennan's 71-year-old mother, Althea; a bachelor uncle, Roy; two small children; and two of Glennan's elderly aunts. All but the aunts would survive.

"The house blew down -- wall by wall (it was being blown out before the water ever started coming in)," said Alma, a native of Jackson who operated the Gulf Towers Beauty Salon. "In fact, the house was gone and we were hanging onto a sink in the kitchen -- and the water was just above my waist at that particular time . . .

"Well, when it (the house) went, we were blown out . . . The next thing you know, we were in some other place, and I kept going under and under. I kept swallowing that water and I kept thinking, 'Oh, dear God!'

Glennan kept hollering.

He would call out names and we would answer. Well, we didn't hear the two aunts when he'd call them . . . It was a nightmare."

Back in Gulfport, Taylor and his companions clung to the hinges of his steel-laced, front-door pillars, keeping their heads above the water as structures disintegrated around them. Taylor "noticed my neighbor's kitchen coming down Alfonso Drive."

As the storm subsided a couple of hours later, there was a great sense of relief and a moment of levity.

"A whisky bottle started floating by and Billy speared it. We couldn't read the label, which was still on it, but we opened it . . . and that was the shortest-lived bottle of Courvoisier you've ever seen," Taylor laughed during his USM interview.

When daylight brought a glimpse of the destruction the following morning, however, there was little to laugh about. Taylor said his neighborhood "reminded me of bombed cities I had seen in Korea." His sailboat had simply disappeared.

When Alma Anderson returned to her Biloxi beach home following the ordeal, she said, "There was nothing left but the doorsteps."

The Switzer home in Ocean Springs -- like the massive concrete bridge that spanned Biloxi Bay -- was a "shambles."

Switzer said Gulf Coast residents had "slab parties" and "driveway parties" for at least a couple of years after Camille.

"You grabbed a piece of furniture, or a box, or a carton, or something, and sat down on it, opened a can of Vienna Sausage and a couple of slices of bread, and had a glass of whiskey with some water and ice in it, and said, 'Well, I'm glad to be alive'."

(Phil Hearn is a former longtime Mississippi newspaper reporter and editor who worked for United Press International from 1968 to 1980.)

A Laurel native, he has served since 1984 as assistant public relations director for news services at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.)

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. DIBBLE, DECEASED
BRUCE W. DIEBALL AND SUZANNE M. RENNICK, PETITIONERS

CAUSE NO. 99-0640

EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY having been granted on the 20th day of August, 1999, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Arthur E. Dibble, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within 90 days from the first date of this publication. Failure to probate and register any claims within said time will forever bar the said claim.

This the 20th day of August, 1999.

Bruce W. Dieball
Suzanne M. Rennick
8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16/99

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Pearl River Community College shall receive proposals from qualified Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) to provide energy conservation equipment and services under an Energy Services Contract until 3:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 101 Highway 11 North, Poplarville, Mississippi. Proposals will be in accordance with Section 31-1-14 of the Mississippi Code and the Request for Proposals.

A detailed "Request for Qualifications" may be obtained from the Project Manager:

George A. Jenkins, Jr., P.E., Name: Engineering Resource Group, Inc., Organization: PO Box 360697, Birmingham, AL 35236, Address: (205) 985-0090 Fax (205) 985-0098, Phone:

All correspondence should be directed to:

Dr. Elizabeth Burchell, Name: Director of Research Administration & External Programs, Title (President, Superintendent, Administrator, etc.)

Pearl River Community College, Organization:

101 Highway 11 North, Box 5008, Poplarville, MS 39470, Address:

(601) 795-1193 Fax (601) 795-1188

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8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26/99

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

MARGUERITE DEJEAN DEFENDANT(S)

CAUSE NO. 97-0445

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION

By virtue of the hereinabove execution to me directed by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, I will sell on the 1st day of September, 1999, at the corner of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, within the legal hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., expose to the public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash, all the right, interest and claim of the Defendant(s), MARGUERITE DEJEAN, in and to the following described real property, to wit:

Lots 5 and 12, Block 3, Unit 8, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, as per map or plan of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Which has been levied on as the property of the Defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy the judgment entered in this action, in the amount of \$1,046,771, together with delinquent assessments from June 30, 1997, plus interest and costs, for the amount of \$1,046,771, together with interest and costs, for the amount of 20% of the amount owed, together with all interest and costs.

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Coastal cleanup set

Mississippi Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties are needed for the 11th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

Participants may sign up as individuals, families, school groups or civic organizations. To volunteer, call the Hancock Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048, in Harrison County call the Department of Marine Resources at 374-5022 ext. 5062, and for the Barrier Islands, call Gulf Islands National Seashore 875-9057.

Since Hurricane Georges cancelled last year's cleanup and deposited large amounts of debris on Mississippi's coastal areas, the annual marine trash cleanup is more necessary than ever.

Zone station captains will provide volunteers with trash bags, data cards, pencils and plastic gloves. Volunteers will receive a coastal cleanup tote bag donated by Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery. Following the cleanup, participants may show the tote bag as a pass for a complimentary lunch at Gulfport's Outback Steakhouse.

Participants will pick up marine debris at more than 30 designated coastal areas (zones) in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties and the barrier islands. Individuals or groups interested in acting as a zone captain for an area in Hancock or Harrison counties not included should call:

Designated cleanup areas are:

- Hancock County — county beach front, Jourdan River
- Harrison County — Biloxi Back Bay, Keegan Bayou, Deer Island and Hwy. 90 beach areas with zone stations located at Pass Christian Harbor, Long Beach Harbor, Gulfport Harbor, Courthouse Road, the Coast Coliseum and Biloxi Lighthouse.

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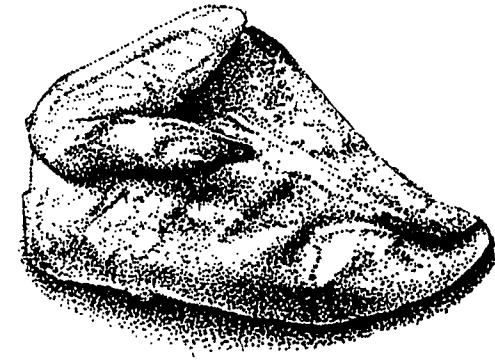
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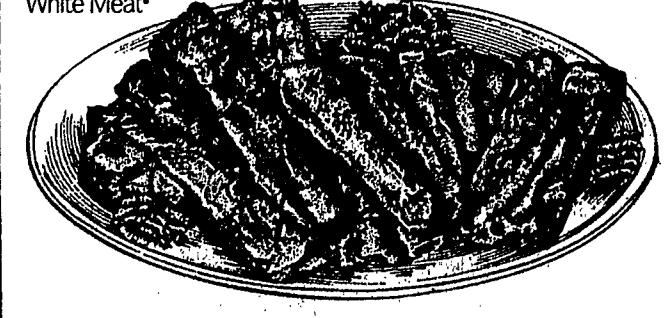


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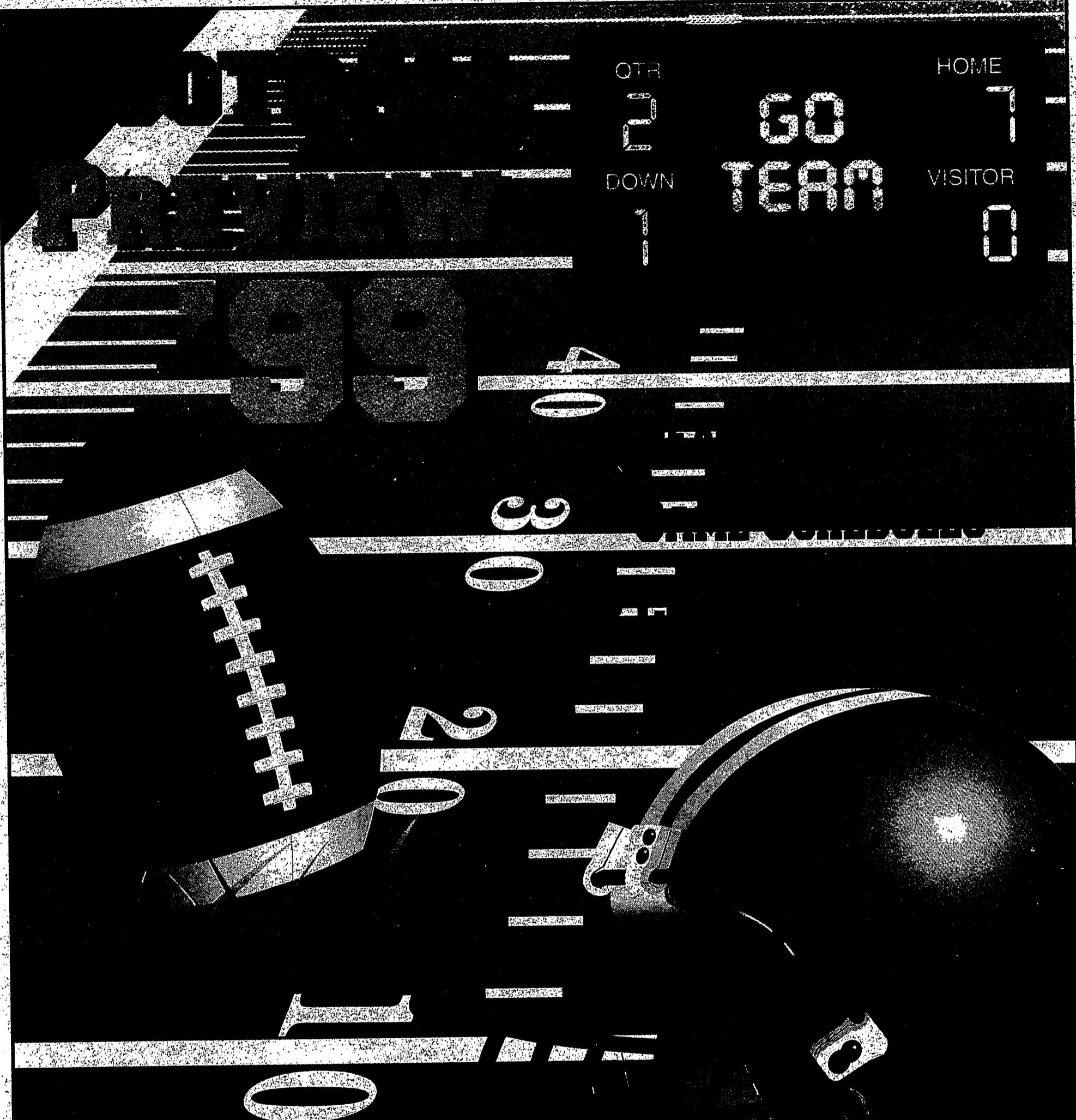
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Millsaps needs help in offense

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) -- Since winning the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference title in 1996, Millsaps has struggled on the football field.

The Majors have followed their only SCAC title with consecutive 3-7 seasons. Last year, they didn't even win a SCAC game and ended the season with a six-game losing streak.

Fourth-year coach Ron Jurney needs to fill some big voids, despite the fact that 17 starters return from last season.

Beau Pollard, the starting quarterback the past four seasons, has graduated. Wes Ingram, the leading receiver the past two seasons, is also gone.

Junior Blake Huggard will likely take over as quarterback, like he did for part of last season. Huggard played in seven games in 1998, hitting 47-of-102 passes (46 percent) for 606 yards with five touchdowns and six interceptions.

Huggard will still have a couple of proven receivers. Senior Jason Parsley caught 24 passes for 304 yards and a team-best three touchdowns last season and sophomore tight end Roman Rabourn caught 18 passes for 258 yards.

The Majors do have senior tailback Mike McKenzie, who is just 95 yards short of becoming the school's career leader in all-purpose yardage. A two-time All-SCAC pick, McKenzie rushed for 844 yards and two TDs last season.

Millsaps needs to find consistency on the offensive line. Last season, only one offensive lineman started all 10 games in one position.

On defense, the Majors return eight starters with at least two years of starting experience. Among them is senior All-SCAC linebacker George Lumm, who led the league with 119 tackles last season.

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Returning are offensive coordinator Coach Tommy Spillman who coaches running backs and quarterbacks; Coach Bill Fleming who coaches defensive linemen and spe-

cial teams; and Coach Randall Molsbe who will work with Coach Williams and also act as assistant junior high coach.

"Our goal is to win more games than last year," said Coach Baughman. "We want to build on our success last year. I am excited about this season.

Bay High School Football Schedule

Aug. 27	d'Iberville (Fund Game)	Away
Sept. 3	Long Beach	Away
Sept. 10	Vancleave	Away
Sept. 17	Poplarville	Home
Sept. 24	Pearl River*	Away
Oct. 1	Oak Grove* (H)	Home

Oct. 8	Petal*	Away
Oct. 15	Picayune*	Home
Oct. 22	Columbia*	Home
Oct. 29	Hancock*	Away
Nov. 5	St. Stanislaus*	Home

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Bay High 7-8 & JV Football Schedule

Aug. 30	Pass Christian	Home
Sept. 6	Poplarville	Away
Sept. 20	North Woolmarket	Home
Sept. 27	St. Stanislaus	Away
Oct. 4	Vancleave	Home
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Williamson, #56-Bobby Orgeron, #58-B.J. Ledet, #59-Cherubin Alcalen, #60-Frederick Mallini, #62-B.J. Peralta, #64-Vince Hoda, #65-John Ellis, #66-Louis West, #67-Hunter Dawkins, #68-Fisher Maddox, #70-Sam Slater, #71-Travis Fucich, #74-Aaron White, #75-Bobby Holbrook, #76-Christian Baehr, #77-Willie Golden, #78-Neil Favre, #79-Mike O'Neal, #80-J.R. Willis, #83-Steven Kellum, #87-Kit Stovall, #88-Stephen Peterman, #93-Michael Thibodeaux, and #96-Matt Frost.

Rock-A-Chaws Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 27	St. John	Away
Sept. 3	Pass Christian	Away
Sept. 10	Long Beach	Home
Sept. 17	d'Iberville	Home
Sept. 24	Hancock*	Home
Oct. 1	Columbia*	Away
Oct. 8	Pearl River Central*	Away
Oct. 15	Oak Grove* (Homecoming)	Home
Oct. 22	Petal*	Away
Oct. 29	Picayune*	Home
Nov. 5	Bay High*	Away

Game time: 7:30 p.m.
*District Game 8-4A

St. Stanislaus Junior Varsity/Junior High Football Schedule

Aug. 30	W. Wortham (JH only)	Home
Sept. 7 (Tues.)	St. John (JH only)	Away
Sept. 13	Pass Christian	Home
Sept. 20	Poplarville	Away
Sept. 27	Bay	Home
Oct. 4	N. Woolmarket (JH)	Away
Oct. 4	St. John (JV)	Home
Oct. 11	Open	
Oct. 18	Vancleave	Home
Oct. 25	Mercy Cross	Away

All games on Mondays unless noted.
Junior High games start at 5:30 p.m.
JV games start at 6:30 p.m.



St. Stanislaus coaching staff

Front row from left, Andy Kivlan, Wil Seymour, and Richie Santiago. Back row from left, David Morgan, Mike Stumpf, Dave Kenson, Stan Dellenger and Jay Ladner.

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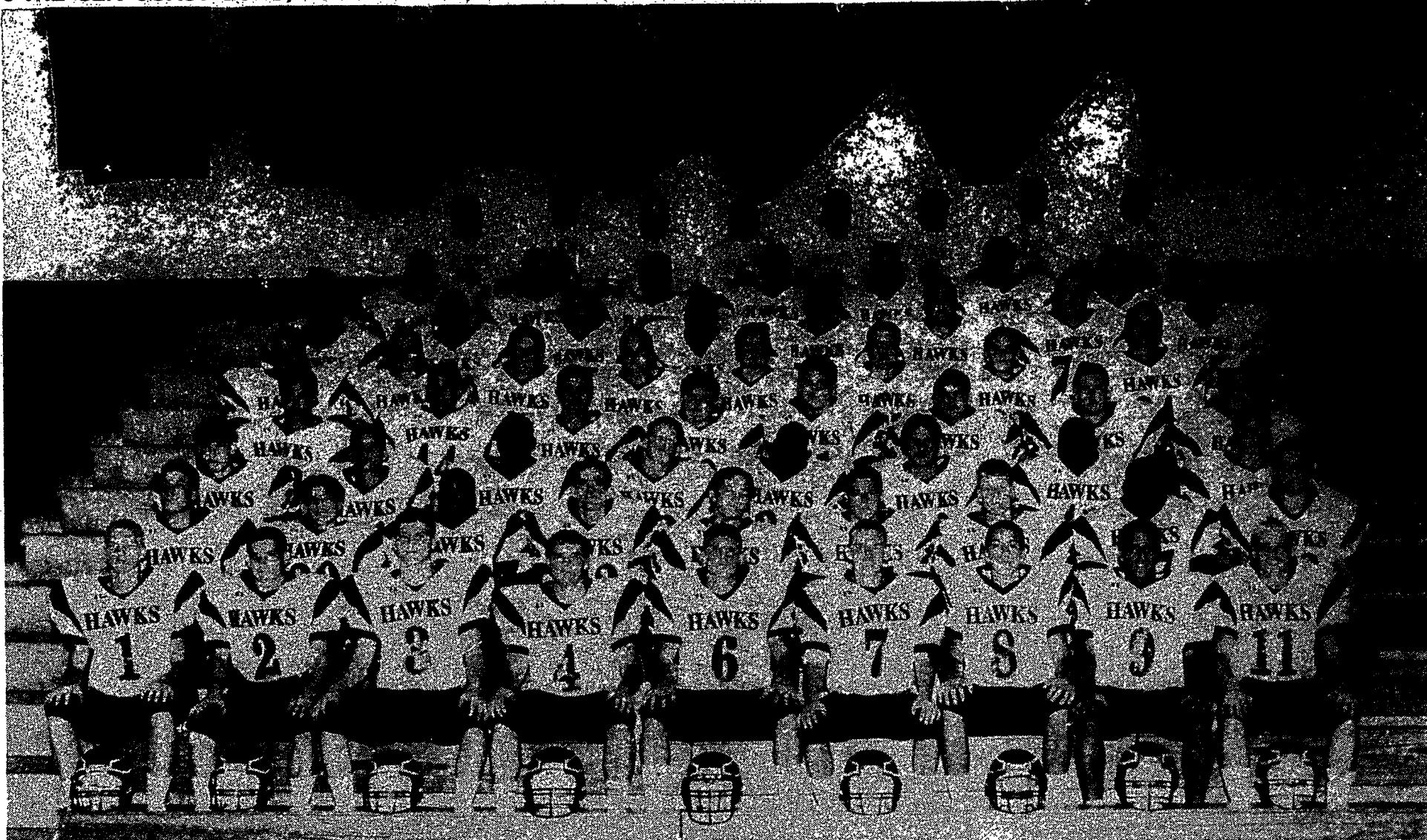
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Hancock Hawks

BY DWAYNE BREMER
The 1999 high school football season is rapidly approaching, and for the Hancock High School Hawks the season offers a chance for redemption after a disappointing 5-5 campaign of a year ago.

"We have a good mix of kids, and a lot of balance throughout, we will be a fun team to watch." Said head coach Rocky Gaudin, who is entering his sixth year at Hancock.

The Hawks will have plenty of experience this year, as they return several key players on offense and defense. On offense, junior Chris Goff and senior Chris Payne lead a talented group of running backs. Gary Catalano and Madhava Thigpen will also see plenty of playing time. Senior Jerry Carco will take over the controls at quarterback.

On defense, the Hawks look to take advantage of a new scheme, put in by the coaching

staff this summer. The Hawks return starters Vincent Hunt, Mark Rush, Josh Ladner, Les Sackett, Trellony Mayfield, Jathon Munsch and Chris Goff, as well as several others who saw playing time last year.

"We are looking to be more consistent this year. On offense we want to control the ball more, and on defense we want to eliminate big plays and break downs." Gaudin said.

The Hawks will be playing in the very difficult district seven. Last year, district champion Columbia advanced to the state championship game, and county rival St. Stanislaus finished in second.

"I don't believe there is a bad team in our district. Columbia and Stanislaus are returning most of their starters, Picayune is going to be really good, and you can never count out Petal, Pearl River Central or Bay High." Gaudin said.

The Hawks non-district

games will be no cakewalk either. The Hawks will face off against Long Beach, Ocean Springs, East Central, and South Jones in the first four weeks of the season.

"We wanted to have a tough schedule to prepare us. We don't have a bye week this year, because I felt that we lost focus during that week last year. Our goal is to play hard and have fun, if we get beat it's because the other team will earn it." Gaudin added.

The Hawks junior varsity teams will have different feel this year. County rivals Bay High and St. Stanislaus have moved down to a 3A District, leaving the Hawks all alone as the only 4A junior varsity team in Hancock County.

"We take a lot of pride in our program. I feel pretty good about this year. Our coaches and players have worked hard, and we have a good attitude going into the season." Gaudin said.

Jake Wilson, #52-Robbie Hoda, #53-Adam Randall, #54-Jonathon Williams, #55-Donny Moran, #56-Mark Rush, #57-Derek Spiers, #58-Dewayne Turner, #60-Whitney Davis, #61-Jonathon Munsch, #63-Chris Mohr, #64-Tim Norgart, #65-Josh Ladner, #66-Raymond Pucheu, #67-Chad Rogers, #68-Oren Lewis, #70-Stephen Guidos, #71-Joey Broome, #74-Jeremy Necaise, #75-Vincent Hunt, #78-Andrew Hunt, #80-Patrick Garrett, #81-Patrick Cannon, #84-Timothy Herron, #85-E.J. Schultz, #88-Ryan Hoffpauir, and #89-Doyle Moran.

Hancock Jr./Sr. High School Football Schedule

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(*Denotes District Game, ** Denotes Homecoming)		
Aug. 27	Long Beach	Away
Sept. 3	East Central	Away
Sept. 10	South Jones	Home
Sept. 17	Ocean Springs	Away
Sept. 24	*St. Stanislaus	Away
Oct. 1	*Pearl River Central	home
Oct. 8	*Oak Grove	Away
Oct. 15	*Petal	Home
Oct. 22	*Picayune	Away
Oct. 29	*Bay High	Home**
Nov. 5	*Columbia	Home

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY

(*Denotes Conference Game)

Aug. 23	Open	
Aug. 30	*Pearl River Central	Home
Sept. 6	Open	
Sept. 13	Ocean Springs	Home
Sept. 20	*Long Beach	Away
Sept. 27	*Picayune	Home
Oct. 4	*Pearl River Central	Away
Oct. 11	Open	
Oct. 18	Open	
Oct. 25	*Long Beach	Home
Nov.	*Picayune	Away

All games start at 7 p.m.

Giannini completes staff

University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Director Richard Giannini has completed the restructuring of his administrative staff with the announcement of the addition of Hattiesburg native John David Wicker as director of facilities and event management.

Wicker, who assumes his post immediately, will manage all athletic facilities in regard to maintenance, renovation and scheduling; serve as liaison between the Department of Athletics and the University Physical Plant; and manage all athletic and special events hosted or co-hosted by the university, including hiring, supervision and evaluation of all event staff.

Wicker holds a bachelor of professional accountancy from Mississippi State University and a master of education-sports administration from the University of Georgia.

His work experience includes a 1995 internship in the Southern Miss Athletic Department and serving as a staff accountant with Arthur Anderson & Co. S.C., in Jackson.

He was venue logistics manager with the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Following the Olympics and prior to coming to USM, he served in a number of capacities with the University of Georgia, including working with men's basketball, women's basketball, and most recently in event management and operations where he served as event management supervisor for gymnastics, volleyball, soccer and softball as well as assisting with all football games and other events as assigned.

"We're fortunate to acquire the services of someone with quality experience in such a wide range of athletic operations," Giannini said. "John David, thanks to his familiarity with our operation as well as his expertise in both the financial and operations aspects of athletics, will be able to provide immediate help in these important areas of our program."

"Those who are familiar with his qualifications are aware that he is a rising young athletic administrator whose talents will benefit our entire operation."

Wicker's addition also completes Giannini's restructuring of his Golden Eagle athletic administrative staff. He earlier named Rick Villarreal as associate athletic director in charge of external operations, Michael Moleta as director of compliance, David Hansen as associate athletic director for internal operations, Sonya Varnell as associate athletic director/senior women administrator and Tracy Robinson as director of the student academic enhancement program.

Villarreal moved to his new post after serving as director of football operations for Head Coach Jeff Bower and as associate athletic director for internal operations; Moleta formerly

served as assistant compliance director; Hansen worked in the athletic departments at both Florida and Northeast Louisiana where he held a position similar to the one he now holds at Southern Miss.

Varnell, who also will oversee Olympic sports, is a Mississippi native, was a standout track performer at the University of Mississippi and most recently served as coordinator for multicultural program for athletics at Nebraska; and Robinson joined the Golden Eagle Athletic Department, where she already served as an adjunct professor, from the Petal School System where she also was di-

rector of public information and an instructor. She owns an extensive list of professional service and professional development activities.

"We've been fortunate to find quality people with wide-ranging experience," Giannini said. "I am convinced that this group will allow the Golden Eagle Athletic Department to move forward rapidly and to quickly reach new heights that all Golden Eagle fans aspire to reach. I encourage all our fans to get to know our administrative staff and to relay to them your concerns and dreams for Golden Eagle athletics."

Hancock Jr./Sr. High School Football Schedule

JUNIOR HIGH	
(*Denotes Conference Game)	
Aug. 23	Open
Aug. 39	*Pearl River Central
Sept. 6	Open
Sept. 13	Boyet (La.)
Sept. 20	*Long Beach
Sept. 27	*Picayune
Oct. 4	*Pearl River Central
Oct. 11	Open
Oct. 18	Open
Oct. 25	*Long Beach
Nov. 1	*Picayune

All games start at 5:30 p.m.

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Rocks strive to duplicate success of 1998

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The 1999 St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw football team will be looking to continue their stellar performance on the gridiron after last year's impressive run to the state playoffs.

The Rocks finished last year 7-5 with a heartbreaking 14-11 loss to South Pike in the state playoffs.

The playoff berth marked only the second playoff appearance for the Rocks since the state went to a playoff system in 1982.

Despite losing several key players to graduation, the Rock coaching staff is looking forward to the 1999 campaign which will begin August 27th at Milner Stadium in Gulfport against the St. John Eagles.

SSC head coach Dave Kenson, now in his third season as the Rock mentor, looked forward to this season, "We are encouraged that we have seven lettermen returning on both sides of the ball. The players have come to summer camp with a great attitude and are working very hard to continue what they started last season."

"They are practicing with confidence and all of us here are excited about the season that we can have. Conversely, there are a lot of other teams in our district that will have several of their key players back. That will make for great competition on the field. This team's approach is to prove that last season was not a fluke."

"Last year we were a pre-season pick to finish last in the district; however, that won't be the case this season. Moreover, anytime one has success you have to try not to become overconfident."

Kenson, a former University of Cincinnati football player, is a veteran of the coaching ranks in Ohio and Florida. He now is en-

tering his third season of football at SSC. During his time with the Rocks, the program has seen great growth and accomplishment.

Stan Dellenger, a former University of Southern Mississippi player and veteran of coaching in Louisiana and Mississippi, will return this season as defensive coordinator.

Kenson commented on Dellenger's success with the defense last season, "Coach Dellenger and his defense gave us many chances last year. He has some holes to fill and he is working very hard to make it happen."

Will Seymour, a former William Carey College pitcher, is back for his third season of football at SSC. Seymour will serve as the head junior high football coach and as assistant varsity coach. In the spring, Seymour will lead the Rocks on the baseball diamond.

Mike Stumpf is a new face to the SSC coaching staff. He comes to Bay St. Louis by way of Indiana where he played offensive line for the University of Indiana from 1990-94.

Kenson talked about the addition of Stumpf, "Coach Stumpf is a great addition to our staff. He is extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic, does a great job with the kids."

David Morgan is also in his first year at SSC. He will work with the running backs and defensive backs. Kenson stated, "Coach Morgan is a recent graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and brings tremendous enthusiasm and work ethic to the table."

Finally, Jay Ladner will return as the junior varsity head coach. He will also assist the varsity until basketball season begins where Coach Ladner has served as the head coach for the past eight years.

When the 1999 season begins, the Rocks will be without some familiar faces and have some huge voids to fill.

Two of the biggest losses will be defensive tackle Tom Brenan and linebacker/punter/running back Roger Ridgeway.

Brenan had, perhaps, the best season for a defensive player in the history of SSC football. He set a school record 137 tackles from his tackle position. He is described by Kenson as "...one who created havoc in opposing offensive backfields..."

Ridgeway will be playing for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs this year after a stellar career playing for the Red and Black.

Ridgeway leaves the school with almost every punting record and is called by Kenson "...the greatest punter I've ever had..."

The Rocks will miss the toughness of Michael Dauo and Joe Carambat who played linebacker and defensive end, respectively.

Steven Knight's all-around athletic ability on both sides of the ball will not be easy for Kenson and his staff to duplicate.

Mike Prendergast played center for the Rocks in 1998 and was called by Kenson "...a great example of playing when hurt..."

Finally, the loss of offensive guard David Byrne will have to be filled. Byrne played as unselfish as anyone could. Kenson called Byrne "...the most team-oriented player I've ever been around..."

Despite all the losses that the Rocks will have to fill, there are many returning players that are keeping the Rocks dreams burning bright.

TE/DE Stephen Peterman,

one of the most sought after recruits in the South, will return for his senior campaign with the Rocks.

Peterman has been voted as the top receiver in the division the last two years.

Senior offensive tackle Travis Fucich will return for his senior year to open holes for the Rock running game.

Offensive guard Willie Golden will be one anchor on the right side of the line during his senior season with the Rocks. Golden made the All-Gulf Coast team last year as a junior.

Neil Favre is a junior offensive tackle that is the other anchor on the right side of the line for the Rocks. After football, Favre becomes the goalie for the state playoff Rock soccer team.

Lastly, on offense the Rocks return two skill position athletes in junior quarterback Jason Santiago and junior running back Kris Cannon.

Santiago was a 1,000-yard passer last season for the Rocks and is closing in on several school passing records.

Cannon, a 1,000-yard rusher last year, returns to his familiar spot in the backfield. Cannon is also closing in on some school records in the rushing department.

On defense, the Rocks return two-year starter Cameron Byrne at linebacker. Byrne enters his junior campaign with 204 career tackles at SSC.

Junior Hunter Dawkins will return to the Rock defense this

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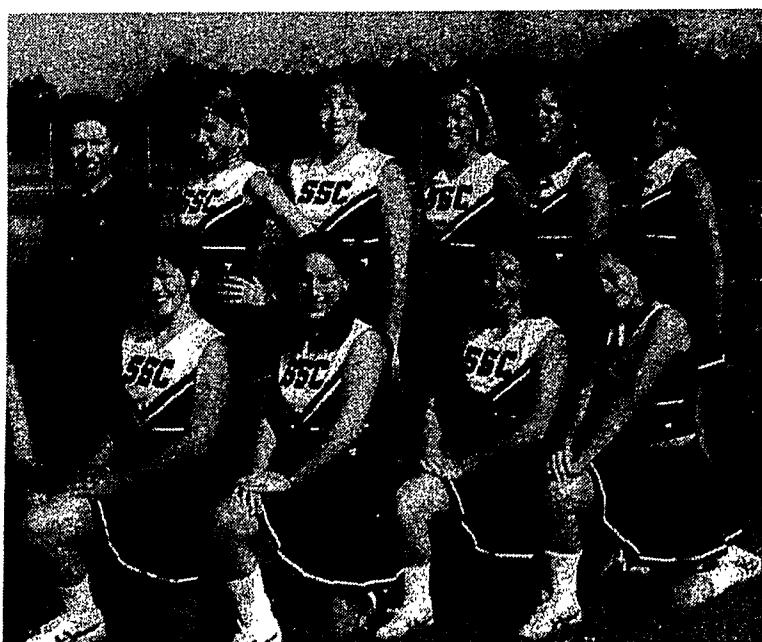
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season as a player who will see action at both linebacker and defensive tackle because of his versatility.

Dmitri Sofianos, a senior defensive back, will return to lead the defensive backs in 1999.

Brandon Lewis will join Sofianos in the defensive backfield in 1999 for his senior year.

Garrett Garcia will look to create problems for opposing offenses from his outside linebacker position. Garcia is a senior this season.

The Rocks will have some newcomers to the gridiron this season that Kenson hopes will be able to fill some voids.

Junior Brandon Rayborn will play the H-back position which is a combination receiver and running back.

J.R. Willis will provide depth and athleticism at split end for the Rocks in 1999.

On defense, Michael Thibodeaux looks to shore up a hole on the defensive line for SSC.

The Rocks began summer training on August 1 in preparation for the first game held on August 27th against St. John in Gulfport.

The Rocks will travel September 3 to play Pass Christian before returning home for a three-game stand.

The Rocks open their home game schedule on September 10 'in between the walls' against Long Beach. On September 17, SSC hosts D'Iberville and follows up with Hancock on September 24.

The Rocks take to the road on October 1 to play Columbia. On October 8, the Rocks travel to Carriere to take on the Pearl River Central Blue Devils.

On October 15, the Rocks play their homecoming game against Oak Grove.

The Rocks set their sights on Petal on October 22 in Hattiesburg and October 29 the Rocks are back home against Picayune.

The Rocks will end the regular season against their traditional cross-town rival Bay High on November 5.

Kenson ended by saying, "I am really pleased with the direction of the football program. We receive great help and assistance from the faculty, staff, administration, parents, and community. They want us to have a good football program and because of them the program is turning around."

So, as fall approaches and football no longer becomes something to look forward but something to see, come out Friday nights



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First row from left, Colleen May, Janie Slaughter, Alicia Ziegeler, Jenny Boston, Katie Jacobson and Melissa Albe. Second row from left, Yen Tran, Robin Pernicaro and Toni Hufft. Third row from left, Rachelle Combs, Bethany Breland and Sabrina Gyins. Fourth row from left, Kristin Schwartz, Devon Breland and Jessica Melville.

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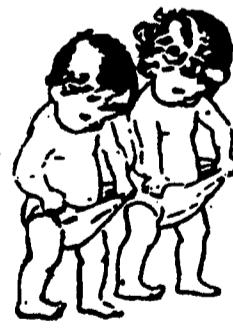


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Daniels prepares Wildcats for season

The Pearl River College Wildcats enter their fifth season under the direction of Head Coach Keith Daniels.

Daniels had a long, successful career as an assistant coach on the collegiate level before he was hired in early 1995 to succeed Willie Coats. Daniels guided the Wildcats to a 7-3 record his inaugural season, but saw his freshman-laden unit fall to 2-8 in 1996.

In 1995, PRCC finished deadlocked in a three-way tie for second place in the Mississippi community college South Division with Copiah-Lincoln and Jones.

Last season, Daniels' Wildcats gallantly battled back from adversity early in the season to finish 5-5.

On Sept. 13, following the second game of the '97 season — 24-18 Thursday night loss to Northwest in Senatobia — Wildcat starting tight end Juan Mariner of Oakvale was killed in a one-car accident near Lumberton.

The mishap also ended the season for starting linebacker Freddie (Junior) White of Lumberton. Another PRCC student, Jerry Williams of Hattiesburg, also died in the crash.

Itawamba was waiting in the wings a few days later and Daniels and his staff, in light of the tragedy, pondered whether or not to even play the non-division game. But the following Thursday, The River was en route for Fulton to face the powerful Indians. The Wildcats returned to Poplarville with an emotional 27-21 victory. Daniels tagged the victory the "greatest win" of his coaching career.

In addition to his head coaching duties, Daniels also handles the offensive coordinator duties and coaches the offensive backfield.

After graduating from Monticello High School in 1966, Daniels played defensive back for two years at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. He then signed to play for Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., but two knee surgeries in three years ended his playing career and he transferred to Mississippi College in Clinton where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1969.

That same year Daniels began his coaching career as an assistant at his high school alma mater. Over the ensuing seven years, he spent six years as athletic director and head football coach at state high schools in Jackson, Gallatin and Columbus, compiling a 35-26-1 overall record.

In 1975, Daniels entered the collegiate ranks when he was hired as running backs coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas, but briefly returned to the high school level in Mississippi in 1976 before he began his first of three stints with the Ole Miss Rebels in Oxford in 1977.

As an assistant running backs coach with the Rebels under then head coach Ken Cooper, Daniels helped guide Ole Miss to a respectable 6-5 overall mark, including a legendary victory in Jackson over coach Dan Devine and Notre Dame's Fighting Irish. The Rebels were the only team to defeat the Irish that season. Notre Dame was the eventual national champion for 1997.

Over the next three years, Daniels served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn. (1978, 1979) and the University of North Texas in Denton (1981).

In 1982, former University of Southern Mississippi head coach Jim Carmody hired Daniels as his offensive coordinator.

Over the next five seasons, Daniels resided in Hattiesburg. USM recorded five winning seasons, including 1982's 38-29 victory over Bear Bryant's Alabama Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa — the first on-campus loss by the legendary coach in 23 years.

Daniels also coached Southern Miss' All-American quarterback Reggie Collier, who was the first collegiate quarterback to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 yards in a single season. Collier, who went on to play professionally, finished in the Top 10 in the 1982 Heisman Trophy balloting.

Daniels returned to Ole Miss in 1987 under head coach Billy Brewer and spent two seasons with the Rebels before joining

former Mississippi State head coach Rocky Felker's staff in Starkville in 1989 as offensive coordinator.

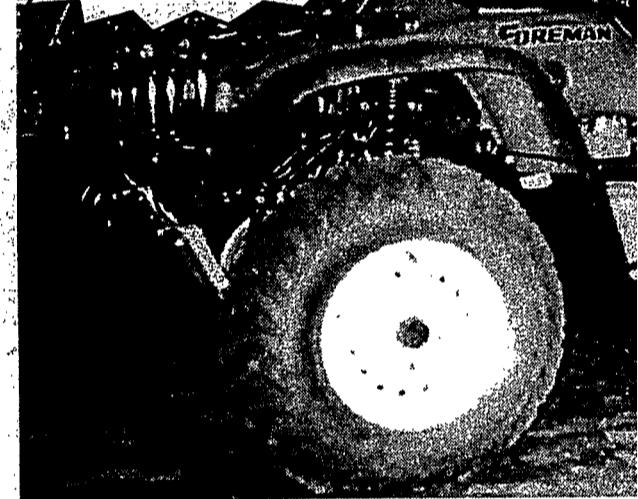
Following his Mississippi State stint, Daniels became offensive coordinator at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., in 1990 and served as interim head coach following the 1991 season.

He returned to Ole Miss for a
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Oct. 9
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Nov. 4

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East Mississippi
Mississippi Delta
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Coahoma
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Gulf Coast
Co-Lin
East Central
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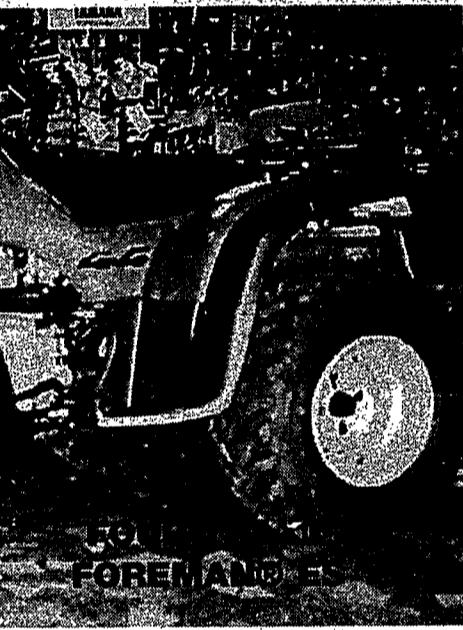
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Meet the coaches

Mike Humphreys offensive line

Pearl River Community College defensive coordinator Mike Humphreys is beginning his 10th season at The River and has been with the Wildcat program longer than any other coach.

Humphreys attended Pensacola (Florida) Catholic High School where he was a standout quarterback and baseball player. Following his high school graduation, he attended Patrick Henry Junior College on a baseball scholarship before transferring to the University of Florida at Gainesville, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

Humphreys boasts five years of coaching experience in Florida high schools, including two years at Pensacola and three at Woodham. While a Woodham assistant football coach, he helped guide the school to be state Quad-A title in 1982, as well as Florida's runner-up spot in 1985.

Humphreys served two years as an assistant at Nicholls State University in Thibodeaux, La., before being hired by former Wildcat mentor Mike Nelson.

Humphreys also worked as an assistant under Willie Coats (Nelson's successor) before current head coach Keith Daniels took over the Wildcat reins in the spring of 1995. He earned his master's degree in administration at Nicholls.

During his past nine seasons with the Wildcats, PRCC has won 55 and lost 36 games, including winning the 1992 South Division title.

The Wildcats finished 10-1 that season. Humphreys' defensive units have been a mainstay to the Wildcats' success year in and year out. He coaches the defensive secondary and also heads the PRCC golf team in the spring.

Humphreys is married to the former Stacie Comeaux of Bay St. Louis. They are the parents of three children, Michael, Katie and Megan.

Mark Anderton co-defensive coordinator defensive line/secondary

Mark Anderton enters his third season with the Wildcat football staff as offensive line coach.

Anderton arrived at PRCC via Tate High School in Pensacola, Fla., but he boasts nine previous years of coaching experience on the collegiate level.

He has served as an assistant coach at Lambuth College in Jackson, Tenn. (1986), the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in Oxford (1987-88), and Gardner-Webb University in Bolling Springs, N.C. (1989-94).

PRCC head coach Keith Daniels was also an assistant with the Ole Miss Rebels during Anderton's stint in Oxford.

Anderton earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin (At Martin, Tenn.) in 1986. While a stu-

dent at UT-Martin, he was a standout offensive lineman on the school's football team. He earned his master's degree while an assistant under Billy Brewer at Ole Miss.

Anderton and his wife, Yvonne, are the parents of three children, Katie, Kyle and Payton.

Deke Adams co-defensive coordinator linebackers/secondary

Deke Adams is the newest member of the Pearl River football staff and will coach the Wildcat linebackers.

Adams, a native of Meridian, was a standout outside linebacker for the University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles from 1990 through 1994. A starter his junior and senior years, he helped guide head coach Jeff Bower's squad to 7-4 and 6-5 campaigns his final two seasons at the Hattiesburg-based university.

Adams arrives on the PRCC campus by way of Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., where he coached the defensive line last season for head coach Mike Williams, a former USM assistant.

Adams was a highly recruited linebacker out of Meridian High School. He was named Player of the Week seven times during his senior season by The Meridian Star newspaper.

Adams earned his bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1995 and his master's degree in sports administration in the fall of 1996. He also served as a football assistant at USM, helping the Golden Eagle athletes with their academics through tutoring sessions and study halls.

His outstanding abilities on the gridiron earned him tryouts with the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Birmingham Barracudas, as well as the National Football League's Miami Dolphins.

Adams is married to the former Alexis Hall of Gulfport, who was a standout basketball player at USM. She is a financial representative for Global Financial Services in Gulfport. They are the parents of a son, Jaylen.

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third time in 1992, coaching running backs and kicking units. When Brewer's Rebel coaching career ended following the 1994 season, so did Daniels'. He subsequently pursued the PRCC job, and the rest is history.

Daniels is married to the former Charolette Hartzog. They are the parents of a daughter, Sunny.

1999 Pearl River football coaches

Pearl River Community College's football coaching staff for the 1999 season includes head coach Keith Daniels, (pictured left and below left, offensive coordinator, backs and receivers) co-defensive coordinator Deke Adams (secondary), co-defensive coordinator Mark Anderton (linemen), and offensive line coach Mike Humphreys. Adams and Anderton both coach the linebackers. PRCC kicks off its season Thursday, Sept. 2, against Itawamba in Fulton, then opens its home schedule Thursday, Sept. 9, against East Mississippi.



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Southern Miss focuses on title

With five consecutive winning seasons, including back-to-back bowl trips under his belt, Southern Miss head football coach Jeff Bower heads into his ninth season with his eyes clearly focused on regaining the Conference USA championship.

The Eagles captured the outright title in 1997 and shared the crown in 1996. After finishing second to Tulane last year, and with a season-opening date with the Green Wave on the schedule, Bower hopes to have his team ready to make a title run.

In order to regain their championship form, the Eagles must solve some major problems prior to Sept. 6. Steps were taken during spring practice to answer questions about the quarterback position, but the offensive line, where only one starter returns, remains a priority.

"The most critical thing is that we have to mature in the offensive line," Bower said. "Those guys have to be ready to play early in the season. We are young, and we are inexperienced, but we have some athletic ability there."

That is one of the reasons that much of spring practice in April was spent on fundamentals.

"The biggest key now for those guys in the offensive line is the work they do over the summer," Bower said. "It is critical that all of those guys come back in top condition, and to do that they have to spend a lot of time in the weight room, getting bigger and stronger. There is athletic ability there, but physical development is the key."

While the offensive line remains a question mark, much of the attention from Golden Eagles fans will be on the battle to replace departed senior Lee Roberts at quarterback. Junior college transfer Cable Davis edged in front during spring drills, but the race for the starting job could very well continue deep into August.

But Davis is not the only candidate to replace Roberts. Sophomore Jeff Kelly served as Roberts' understudy last year, but attempted just 12 passes, completing six for 30 yards. Fellow sophomore Brian Balazik

served in the back-up role during the 1997 season before redshirting last year.

Davis sat out the 1998 season after transferring from Butte Community College in California. Senior Josh Gulley, who spent his junior season working primarily at receiver, could also figure into the quarterback race. He started for more than a season at quarterback for North Texas before transferring to Southern Miss.

One advantage all four quarterback candidates have is that they have all been around offensive coordinator Larry Kueck's one-back offense for at least one season. That means none of them are having to start from scratch.

In addition to filling the void at quarterback, the next most important thing will be in finding solid replacements for Frank Firestone, O'Lester Pope, Henry McClendon and Richie Davidson on the offensive line.

Together that group had eight years of experience as starters. Only senior Shederick Blackmon, a three-year starter in his own right, returns along the Eagles' front wall.

Among the players who will be vying for starting jobs along the offensive front are senior Brian Bell, junior college transfers Billy Clay and Dennis Evans, sophomore Tre' Chambers and redshirt freshmen Jeremy Bridges, Dan Reber, Zeb Landers, Torrin Tucker and Jason Jimenez. Several other signees will also get an opportunity to earn playing time this fall.

Blackmon, the veteran of the line, will be expected to prove leadership to the group of youngsters.

The tight end spot, which is basically used as an additional offensive lineman in the Southern Miss attack, is also wide open. Redshirt freshman Buck Miciotto came out of the spring as the starter with sophomore Orlando Dantzler as the backup. A pair of junior college signees, Kendrick Kee and Jeremiah Nesbitt will also be in the thick of things at that position.

The positives on the offensive side are at the skill positions.

1999 Southern Miss Schedule

Sept. 6
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13
Nov. 20

Tulane
Northwestern (LA) State
at Nebraska
at Texas A&M
at East Carolina
Army
Cincinnati
at Alabama
at Memphis
Southwestern Louisiana
at Louisville

The top pass catching tandem in school history, Sherrod Gideon and Todd Pinkston, return for their senior season. They combined for 118 receptions for 2,034 yards and 20 touchdowns last year. Past that duo, only one player returning at receiver this spring has ever recorded a reception.

Pinkston, who was used primarily in the slot last year, will again be counted on to take some of the pressure off Gideon, a preseason All-American. He will be joined by redshirt freshman Leroy Handy. Gideon will be backed up wide by redshirt John Floyd while sophomore Danny Fowler steps into the starting role at flanker, with mid-term junior college transfer Shawn Mills backing him. Gulley has also been pencilled

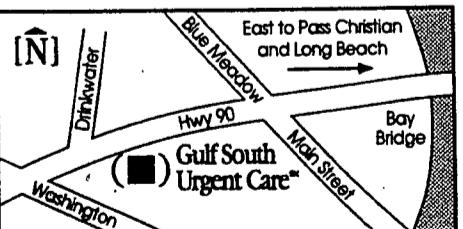
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The other skill position, running back, appears to be in very good hands with sophomores Derrick Nix and Dawayne Woods returning, along with senior Brandon Francis. Junior Kelby Nance, who went into the 1998 season as the starter before a knee injury ended his season, hopes to be able to return in time for the beginning of fall drills. He sat out all of spring practice.

All Nix did in 1998 was turn in the 19th best rushing season in NCAA history by a freshman, despite the fact that he did not start at running back until the fifth game. His 1,180 yards on the ground during the regular season ranked 17th in the country.

The Eagles are also in good shape on defense. Across the front line the top eight players return at the four down positions. That fact, along with two starting linebackers back for their senior seasons, means opposing offenses will have their hands full in 1999.

"We have a good situation there, but there are some things that we have to do better," Bower said. "We have to play the run better than what we did last year. I think we have to play with more consistency and play harder."

"I think we have to play harder as a whole football team. I don't think we were as consistent last year as we would have liked to have been as a coaching staff."

"This is a group that has talent and the front seven should be the strength of our defense. We have to develop some depth at all of those positions. We want to be better there. Just because guys started last year or previous years does not mean that you are at the top of your game. We want guys to get in the top of their game and get better, and I think we are capable of doing that."

The only hole in the front seven is at weakside linebacker where sophomore Roy Magee will step in to replace Brian A. Bell. There is, however, a lack of depth at the linebacker spots that must be addressed. Only senior Royal Bell, who backs up T.J. Slaughter at the Mike position, has much experience. Depth will come from some juniors with limited playing time and some redshirt freshmen.

1999 Gulf Coast Schedule

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Oct. 2
Oct. 7
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 4

at Mississippi Delta
Coahoma
Holmes
at Hinds
Jones
at Northeast
at Pearl River
Southwest
Co-Lin
at East Central

"I think that with Zaid Hous-ton, Anthony Chapman, Derek Delmarter, Chris Vaughn and Chris Langston there is some youth and there is some ability, but very little playing time," Bower said.

The secondary, which will be coached by Steve Davis this year, has some holes to fill with the departure of starters De-Shone Mallard and Jose Gon-zales as well as the multi-talented Larry Watts. Junior Leo Barnes and senior Terrance Parrish return as starters but the rest of the players in competition for playing time have limited experience.

One of the players who received a lot of attention from the defensive staff in the spring was junior Raymond Walls, who moved to corner after playing receiver on offense for the last two years.

Sophomore Daryon Brutley, who gained valuable experience last year at corner, will move to rover this year where he and sophomore Chad Williams will back up Barnes. Junior Joey Pinkston, who redshirted last year, will be joined by former linebacker David Verdell at the free safety position.

New special teams coordinator Vic Eumont will focus his attention on finding a replacement for Tim Hardaway on field goals and PATs. Sophomore Brant Hanna, who handled kickoff duties last year, will head a group of players that will include four freshmen in competition for that job. Jamie Purser will return for his senior season as the Eagles punter while sophomores Patrick McCrory and Scott Croley are back to handle long snapping chores.

"I don't believe there will be a lot of changes on special teams, but I'm sure that Vic will have some things that he prefers to do differently," Bower said.

"The biggest thing for Vic and Mitch (Rodrique, who will coach running backs) is that they did not go through spring practice and do not know our players. Particularly from Vic's stand-point, where he is going to be dealing with a lot of players, he is going to have to go hard to learn who can do what."

With another difficult slate of games on the early portion of the schedule, having the team report for fall practice in excellent shape is a key to reaching

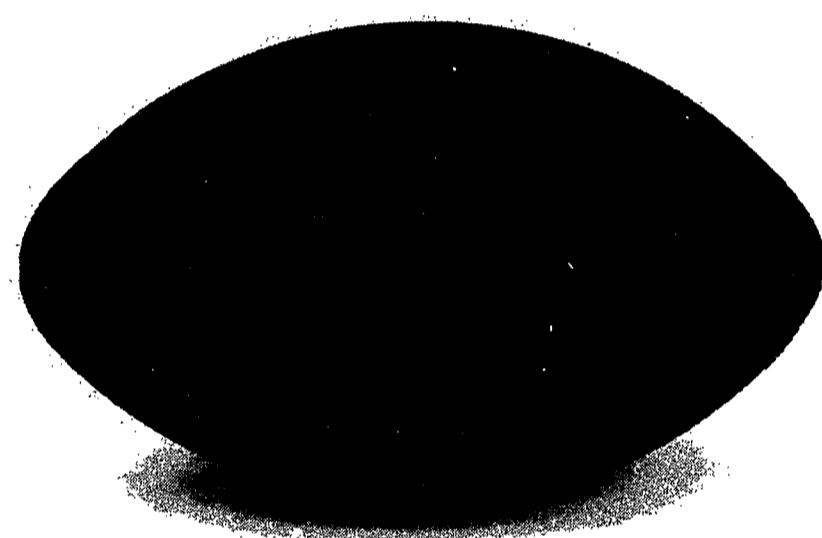
goals this year. The fact that most of the players who will be expected to contribute in 1999 were on the field last December in Boise for the disappointing loss to Idaho should provide them with plenty of motivation.

With the goals for 1999 the same as in previous season, and with a schedule that includes five bowl teams from last years, including two — Texas A&M and Nebraska — that are pre-season top 10 picks, it should not take much for the Eagles to find motivation.

A season-opening date on Labor Day, Sept. 6, against defending Conference USA champions Tulane, should also give the Eagles all the summer motivation they need.

1999 LSU Schedule

Sept. 4	San Jose State
Sept. 11	North Texas
Sept. 18	Auburn
Oct. 2	at Georgia
Oct. 9	Florida
Oct. 16	at Kentucky
Oct. 23	at Mississippi State
Oct. 30	Ole Miss
Nov. 6	at Alabama
Nov. 13	Houston
Nov. 27	Arkansas



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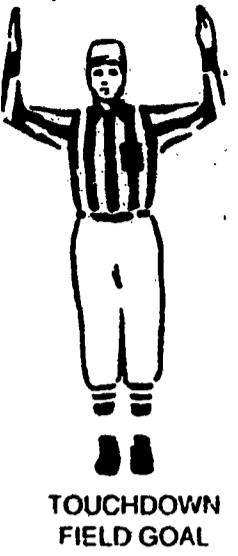
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1999 Tulane Schedule

Sept. 6	at Southern Miss
Sept. 11	Southern Methodist
Sept. 18	Army
Oct. 2	at Syracuse
Oct. 9	at Mississippi
Oct. 16	Southwestern Louisiana
Oct. 23	at East Carolina
Oct. 30	Memphis
Nov. 6	at Houston
Nov. 13	at Navy
Nov. 20	Alabama-Birmingham



1999 Ole Miss Schedule

Sept. 4	at Memphis
Sept. 11	Arkansas State
Sept. 18	Vanderbilt
Sept. 25	at Auburn
Oct. 2	at South Carolina
Oct. 9	Tulane
Oct. 16	Alabama
Oct. 30	at LSU
Nov. 6	Arkansas
Nov. 20	Georgia
Nov. 25	at Mississippi State

1999 Mississippi State Schedule

Sept. 4	Middle Tennessee State
Sept. 11	Memphis
Sept. 18	Oklahoma State
Sept. 25	South Carolina
Oct. 2	at Vanderbilt
Oct. 9	at Auburn
Oct. 23	LSU
Nov. 4	Kentucky
Nov. 13	at Alabama
Nov. 20	at Arkansas (Little Rock)
Nov. 2	Ole Miss

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School (No. 1 votes)	1998 Record	Points	Previous
1. Florida State (48)	11-2	1,720	3
2. Tennessee (15)	13-0	1,643	1
3. Penn State (4)	9-3	1,582	17
4. Arizona (1)	12-1	1,537	4
5. Florida (1)	10-2	1,361	5
6. Nebraska	9-4	1,327	19
7. Texas A&M	11-3	1,314	11
8. Michigan	10-3	1,292	12
9. Ohio State	11-1	1,160	2
10. Wisconsin	11-1	1,091	6
11. Georgia Tech	10-2	979	9
12. Miami	9-3	928	20
13. Virginia Tech (1)	9-3	896	23
14. Georgia	9-3	829	14
15. Colorado	8-4	636	
16. UCLA	10-2	587	8
17. Texas	9-3	487	15
18. Notre Dame	9-3	463	22
21. Southern California	8-5	455	
20T. Alabama	7-5	445	-
20T. Kansas State	11-2	445	10
22. Arkansas	9-3	441	16
23. Purdue	9-4	370	24
24. Virginia	9-3	222	18
25. Arizona State	5-6	108	-

Others receiving votes: BYU 93, Marshall 75, Mississippi St. 72, Michigan St. 34, Air Force 25, Mississippi 23, Syracuse 23, Louisville 20, Wyoming 15, LSU 13, Oklahoma St. 9, Missouri 7, North Carolina 6, Oregon 6, Southern Miss. 2, Washington 2, Miami, Ohio 1, N.C. State 1, TCU 1, Texas Tech 1, Utah 1, Western Michigan 1, West Virginia 1.

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NFC West division one of transition

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For much of the past two decades, the NFC West has been the San Francisco 49ers' to lose. In winning more division titles than any other team since 1980, the Niners have made the NFC West their own personal kingdom.

The four other NFC West teams have two words for San Francisco as the 1999 season approaches: "No more."

First of all, the Atlanta Falcons are the defending division and conference champions. And with Super Bowl XXXIV to be played in Atlanta's Georgia Dome next January, the Falcons are in no hurry to hand anything back to San Francisco.

"We have geared our whole offseason in trying to defend that (NFC) championship," Falcons head coach Dan Reeves said. "The only way to guarantee that you are going to be in the playoffs is to win the division, so that is going to be our goal. Once you are in the playoffs, if you are playing well, then you've got the chance to get back (to the Super Bowl) and win it."

With Atlanta returning virtually its entire team, it should be the favorite to repeat as NFC West champions. But Reeves knows there is a big difference between coming into a season as an underdog and coming in as the defending champs.

"It's not going to be easy," Reeves said of winning the division again. "We are going to have to be better than last year because teams are really going to be looking to beat us. They will use us as a measuring stick."

One team already using the Falcons as a measuring stick is the New Orleans Saints. The Saints think they are the division's team of destiny in 1999 and base their bold predictions of playoff and possibly Super Bowl glory on the Falcons' success in 1998.

"Last year, if I had told you the Falcons would be in the Super Bowl, you would have laughed," Saints general manager Bill Kuharich said at the opening of the Saints' training camp. "This year, we're the team that will make believers of people."

While Kuharich and coach Mike Ditka declared the drafting of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams the final piece in their puzzle, the truth is the

Saints have improved in many areas during the offseason. Most notably, the offensive line was solidified with the signing of guard Wally Williams and the receiving corps got a boost with the trade for New Orleans native Eddie Kennison.

Ricky Williams may indeed be "the real thing," as Ditka declares, but it will be up to the revamped line to open holes for him. Likewise, the passing game, under the guidance of quarterback Billy Joe Hobert, must produce to keep the pressure off of the rookie.

Another team with big aspirations is the St. Louis Rams, who have added some serious firepower on offense. Quarterback Trent Green, running back Marshall Faulk and wide receiver Torry Holt add big-play potential to a unit that struggled much of the past two seasons.

Equally important is the return of Isaac Bruce, who may just be the most dangerous receiver in the league when healthy. If the offense can control the ball and put some points on the board, the Rams may give the Saints a run for their money in surprising people around the league.

The St. Louis defense is one of the most underrated in the league, ranking 10th overall last season and third against the pass. Given time to rest in 1999, players like defensive linemen Kevin Carter and D'Marco Farr and defensive backs Todd Lyght and Keith Lyle could find themselves Hawaii-bound come February.

In contrast to the Rams, defensive changes will be the key to success for the Carolina Panthers. Offensive coordinator Gil Haskell's offense put up some big passing numbers last

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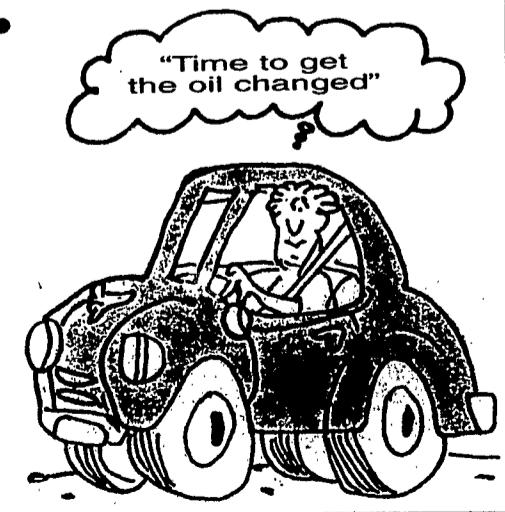
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season, but the running game was the worst in the league and the defense gave up equally big yardage in return.

Fortunately, head coach George Seifert is known as a defensive genius, and he brought to Carolina the 4-3 defense he used so effectively in San Francisco. Seifert hopes the change from a 3-4 will revitalize defensive tackle Sean Gilbert, who starred in a 4-3 scheme in Washington in 1996. Gilbert will get help from linebackers Micheal Barrow, who led the team with 128 tackles, and Kevin Greene, who had 12 sacks by midseason before tailing off in the second half.

While Green faded, oft-injured running back Tim Biakabutuka broke out for 427 yards and 3 touchdowns over the last four games. If he can match the career-best 4.2 yard-per-carry average he established over that span--and stay healthy--the Panthers could be a truly dangerous team.

The most dangerous team out there, though, just might be the 49ers. San Francisco is a proud, veteran team that has been hampered by injuries, and no one should count them

out. With familiar names like Steve Young, Jerry Rice and Ken Norton, Jr., and emerging stars like Terrell Owens and R.W. McQuarters, the Niners boast a strong mix of new and old.

The main question facing the team is whether players like defensive tackle Bryant Young and running back Garrison Hearst can bounce back from injury. Young, arguably the best interior defensive lineman in the game, has made a faster-than-expected recovery from a broken right leg, but he is still not 100 percent.

Hearst's recovery from a broken left ankle, in contrast, has been slowed by avascular necrosis--a condition that prevents proper blood circulation required to promote strength and healing of a fracture--and he could miss the entire season.

The Niners will need them both if they are to reclaim the division title that has been their birthright for nearly 20 years. No matter how entitled San Francisco feels, though, the Falcons, Saints, Rams and Panthers all think they have an equal claim to the crown.

1999 NFL schedule

Week 1 Sept. 12

Arizona at Philadelphia
 Baltimore at St. Louis
 Buffalo at Indianapolis
 Carolina at New Orleans
 Cincinnati at Tennessee
 Dallas at Washington
 Detroit at Seattle
 Kansas City at Chicago
 Minnesota at Atlanta
 New England at New York
 Jets
 New York Giants at Tampa Bay
 Oakland at Green Bay
 San Francisco at Jacksonville
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland
 Sept. 13
 Miami at Denver
 (Open date, San Diego)

Week 2 Sept. 19

Arizona at Miami
 Cleveland at Tennessee
 Denver at Kansas City
 Green Bay at Detroit
 Indianapolis at New England
 Jacksonville at Carolina
 New Orleans at San Francisco
 Oakland at Minnesota
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore
 San Diego at Cincinnati
 Seattle at Chicago
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
 Washington at New York
 Giants
 New York Jets at Buffalo
 Sept. 20
 Atlanta at Dallas
 (Open date, St. Louis)

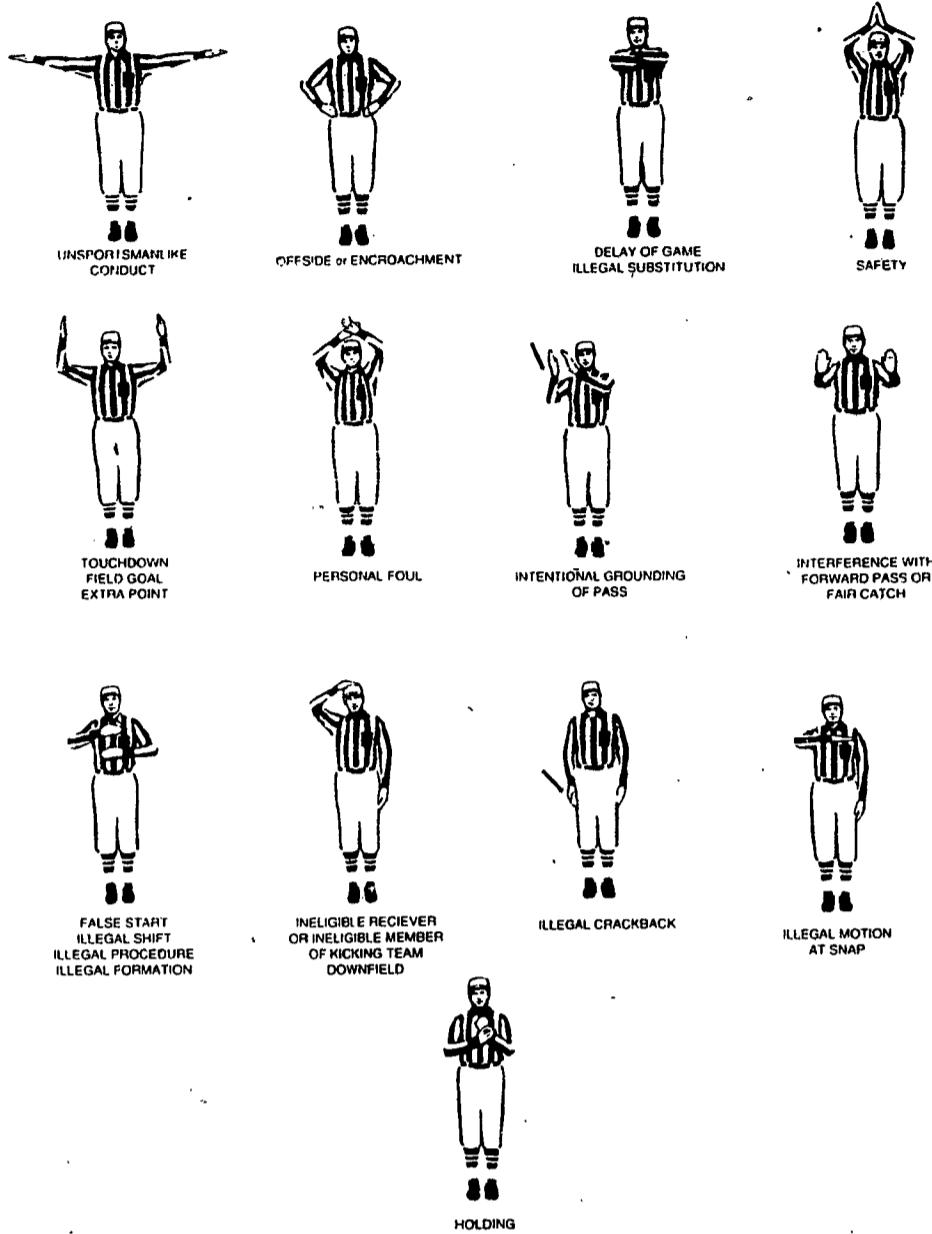
Week 3 Sept. 26

Atlanta at St. Louis
 Chicago at Oakland
 Cincinnati at Carolina
 Cleveland at Baltimore
 Denver at Tampa Bay
 Detroit at Kansas City
 Indianapolis at San Diego
 Minnesota at Green Bay
 Philadelphia at Buffalo
 Seattle at Pittsburgh
 Tennessee at Jacksonville
 Washington at New York Jets
 New York Giants at New England
 Sept. 27
 San Francisco at Arizona
 (Open dates: Dallas, Miami, New Orleans)

Week 4 Oct. 3

Arizona at Dallas
 Baltimore at Atlanta
 Carolina at Washington
 Jacksonville at Pittsburgh
 Kansas City at San Diego
 New England at Cleveland
 New Orleans at Chicago
 New York Jets at Denver
 Philadelphia at New York
 Giants
 St. Louis at Cincinnati
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota
 Tennessee at San Francisco
 Oakland at Seattle
 Oct. 4
 Buffalo at Miami
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Week 17 Jan. 2
 Arizona at Green Bay
 Baltimore at New England
 Cincinnati at Jacksonville
 Detroit at Minnesota
 Indianapolis at Buffalo
 Miami at Washington
 New Orleans at Carolina
 New York Giants at Dallas
 Oakland at Kansas City
 St. Louis at Philadelphia
 San Diego at Denver
 Seattle at New York Jets
 Tampa Bay at Chicago
 Tennessee at Pittsburgh
 Jan. 3
 San Francisco at Atlanta
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Jackson State record- breaking threat

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) -- Robert Hughes may not be a gambler, but he'd be willing to wager a big bet on the hand he was dealt as Jackson State's interim head coach.

The Tigers, who led the Southwestern Athletic Conference by averaging 471 yards and 37 points a game last year, have their version of a royal flush in the record-breaking senior trio of quarterback Mark Washington, receiver Sylvester Morris and running back Destry Wright.

"One thing that coach Carson left me with was a good hand. If this was a poker game, I could take this hand and go win a lot of money," said Hughes, the 22-year Tigers assistant who took over when head coach James Carson was forced to step down because of health problems.

His team should win a lot of football games.

Jackson State is the pick to win the SWAC Eastern Division and advance to the league's first championship game. With the NCAA playoffs out of reach because of the new format, Jackson State's goal now is the SWAC title and its first Heritage Bowl berth.

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Ole Miss season started last year

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)--In many respects, Mississippi's 1999 season actually began last December.

Ole Miss didn't have to wait until its Sept. 4 season opener at Memphis to get a victory under new coach David Cutcliffe.

Less than a month after Cutcliffe's hiring, the Rebels won the Independence Bowl with a 35-18 victory over favored Texas Tech. That was the new beginning.

The enthusiasm created by Cutcliffe's hiring and the New Year's Eve victory carried over into spring drills, offseason workouts and preseason practice.

"With the coaching changeover, there's a lot of anticipation with one game under our belt," said Ole Miss defensive coordinator Art Kaufman, the lone holdover from Tommy Tuberville's staff.

During workouts prior to the bowl game last December, the well-liked Kaufman told the players--many of them feeling jilted by Tuberville's departure--that "1999 starts now. We are not going to wait until August.

"That's kind of what they bought into, and that's helped with the enthusiasm in what our players expected, that we should be successful this year."

The Rebels were able to quickly get over the disappointing end of the 1998 season, when amid the rumors about their coach they lost three straight games.

Not so easily forgotten is the bitterness created by Tuberville, who after weeks of denial was named Auburn's coach just two days after the end of the regular season.

"Coach Tuberville did his own thing. He had something he felt like he needed to do. If he felt like we are a stepping stone, that's his own thing," said senior offensive tackle Todd Wade.

"I believe we will win a lot of games this year, and next year," Wade said. "I don't know what they (Auburn) are going to do this year. His business is his and ours is ours."

Ole Miss players get to face their former coach Sept. 25 at Auburn, but they insist that they are not looking ahead. While the situation may have provided incentive during the offseason workouts, the focus is now on Memphis.

"It's a big deal, but it's really not. We want to win every game equally," said senior defensive tackle Kendrick Clancy. "If we beat Auburn or not, it ain't going to make our season. We all want to beat Auburn, but we want to beat Memphis as well."

There are many reasons for Ole Miss fans to be excited.

In addition to the glimpse of Cutcliffe's leadership at the Independence Bowl, Ole Miss returns 49 lettermen and 17 starters (eight on offense and nine on defense) from last year and record-setting junior quarterback Romaro Miller is fully recovered from a broken collarbone.

"One of the things that makes me feel good to begin with is that there are a lot of players that have played a lot of snaps in the SEC," Cutcliffe said.

"From an attitude standpoint, it's part of the deal where you've got a number of players that have played enough SEC snaps that they understand how big a challenge it is to be consistent in this league."

In the 10 games he played before his injury on the final play against Georgia, Miller threw for a school-record 2,273 yards in his first season as a starter. He recovered in time to throw three touchdowns and earn offensive player of the game honors at the Independence Bowl.

Miller relishes the opportunity to play more games under the offensive-minded Cutcliffe, who as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator at Tennessee the past 16 years coached such quarterbacks as Peyton Manning, Heath Shuler and Tee Martin.

"I think Romaro can be as good a player as there is in this league at that position," Cutcliffe said. "He is a play-maker. He has all of the tools it takes, and got more and more comfortable with our offense in the spring."

The only question will be who will backup Miller.

Sophomore David Morris, thrown into the fire in the 1998 regular season finale, entered preseason as the No. 2. But freshman Eli Manning--the son of Ole Miss legend Archie and brother of Peyton--could see action in his first season.

Many speculate that Manning will be redshirted, spend next season splitting time with Miller and then have three years as the starter. Cutcliffe, however, said he's not committed to that.

"I don't want anybody on this team thinking they're redshirting. We are preparing him all year as if he were going to play," Cutcliffe said.

Manning's time this season could depend on the development of Morris, who was 11-of-28 for 89 yards and three interceptions in the 28-6 loss to Mississippi State just five days after Miller's injury.

The Rebels are also loaded at the other skill positions.

Junior Deuce McAllister

rushed for 1,082 yards and 7 TDs last season--only the second Ole Miss player to reach the 1,000-yard rushing mark. Sophomore Joe Gunn ran for 546 yards and six TDs.

The two-back offense restored at Ole Miss for the bowl game remains intact. Sophomore Charles Stackhouse, after playing defense much of his freshman season, ran for 34 yards on six carries and caught three passes for 32 yards in Shreveport.

"Stackhouse is what we're looking for physically as a full-back. He's a vicious hitter, which makes him an outstanding blocker. And he catches the ball very well and runs well," Cutcliffe said.

Also back is the senior receiving duo of Cory Peterson and Grant Heard. Peterson caught 41 passes for 601 yards and Heard had 40 catches for 559 yards, both accounting for four receiving TDs.

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The Tigers overcame an 0-3 start last year to finish 7-4, but missed the Division I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1994. They finished as the SWAC runner-up with a 7-1 record, their only league loss being to champion Southern, the 1999 favorite to win the Western Division in the newly split SWAC.

Morris, the 1998 SWAC offensive player of the year, is one of 19 returning starters and 44 lettermen back from last season. Morris set school records with 62 catches and 17 touchdowns with 1,258 yards receiving last season.

The passes were thrown by Washington, who had a school-record 26 TDs passes last year while completing 135-of-258 passes (59 percent) for 2,232 yards.



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